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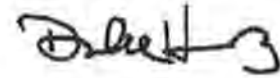
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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FM FBI CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (P)

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CITE: //3140//

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CTS, CID.

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; DOMESTIC  
 SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO: LOS ANGELES, CHURCH OF THE

DRW: *gfm*

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CREATOR (COTC); DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO:  
CHARLOTTE.

LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION WAS  
AUTHORIZED ON AUGUST 20, 1989, AND EXTENDED TO AUGUST 3, 1992.  
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INVESTIGATION ON COTC AUTHORIZED FEBRUARY  
18, 1992, TO EXPIRE ON MAY 17, 1992.

REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL; DATED  
FEBRUARY 15, 1992, ENTITLED "LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS;  
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO: LOS ANGELES"; AND  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED]  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION AND SSA [REDACTED] DOMESTIC TERRORISM  
UNIT, TERRORISM SECTION, CID, FBIHQ, ON FEBRUARY 18, 1992.

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ACTING SAC, CHARLOTTE DIVISION CONCURS WITH TRAVEL OF SA

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[REDACTED] TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. IN ADDITION, ACTING SAC, b7C

CHARLOTTE APPROVES [REDACTED]

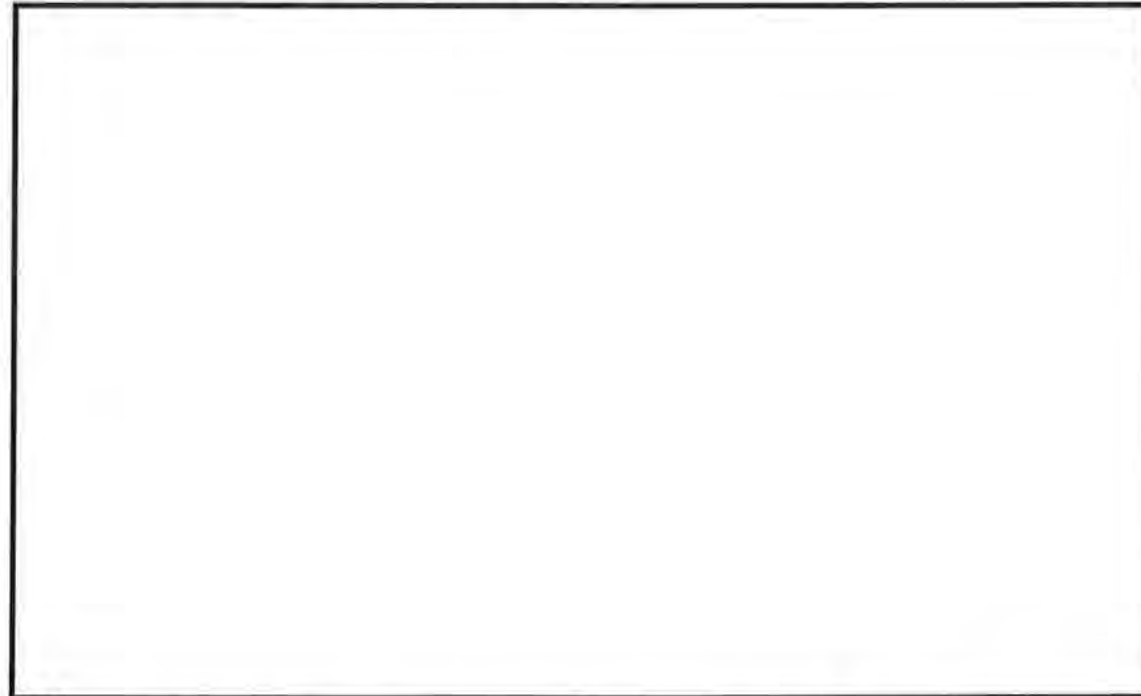
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THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION IS INITIATING A PRELIMINARY  
INQUIRY ON THE COTC IN ORDER TO CORROBORATE [REDACTED]

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② THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI REVEAL THAT BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 20, 1918, POST OFFICE BOX 400, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, IS A RETIRED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO CAME TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1982 FROM FLORIDA AND BEGAN BUILDING HIS COTC FOR THE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND BROCHURES WHICH ADVOCATE WHITE SUPREMACY.

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③ KLASSEN IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COTC WHICH IS HIS "CREATIVITY CENTER." THIS COMPLEX CONSISTS OF ONE TWO-STORY CHURCH BUILDING, A RANCH STYLE HOUSE BEHIND THE CHURCH WHERE KLASSEN RESIDES, AND ANOTHER SMALL BUILDING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH. THE COMPLEX COVERS APPROXIMATELY 26 ACRES AND A BOARDED FENCE RESTRICTS VIEW OF THE STRUCTURES.

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THE COTC AND ITS PRESIDENT, BEN KLASSEN, WERE THE SUBJECTS OF A FBI INVESTIGATION DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 29, 1989 THROUGH JUNE 14, 1990, AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT MEMBERSHIP IN THE COTC IS LESS THAN FIFTEEN (15) IN NUMBER; HOWEVER, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS CHURCH DISSEMINATES INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS. TO DATE, THE FBI HAS INFORMATION THAT MEMBERS AND CHURCHES ARE IN ENGLAND, SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN, AND CANADA.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION, [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA: WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF COTC. b7D

CHARLOTTE DIVISION AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA: [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF COTC ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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FM FBI LOS ANGELES (100A-87550) (P)

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CITE: //3410:CT-1//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED] DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, CTS, CID. b7C

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; DOMESTIC

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RE TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN SSA [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, AND SSA [REDACTED] CHARLOTTE, ON FEBRUARY 14, 1991. AND TELEPHONE CALL b7C  
BETWEEN SA [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, AND SSA [REDACTED]  
FBIHQ, ON FEBRUARY 14, 1992.

FULL DS/T INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED AUGUST 20, 1989; TO  
EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 5, 1992; EXTENDED TO AUGUST 3, 1992.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

UACB, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF SAC CHARLOTTE, SA

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE, [REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, THE  
FOLLOWING IS A CURRENT SYNOPSIS OF ACTIVITIES IN CAPTIONED  
MATTER.

NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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BEN CLASSEN IS THE CURRENT LEADER OF THE CHURCH OF THE  
CREATOR IN OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, [REDACTED]

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THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR IS DESCRIBED AS AN EXTREMELY  
MILITANT AND RADICAL WHITE SUPREMACIST ORGANIZATION.

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INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING

AT LOS ANGELES TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION [REDACTED]

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THE ABOVE MENTIONED INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS AN



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INFORMATION UPDATE TO THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES.  
INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE CONTINUES TO  
ASCERTAIN THE SPECIFIC MOTIVES OF SKINHEADS OPERATING WITHIN  
THE LOS ANGELES AREA AS RELATED TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND TO  
VERIFY THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION.

FOR INFORMATION OF CHARLOTTE FIELD OFFICE, [REDACTED]

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AT OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA: PROVIDE LOS ANGELES FIELD

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OFFICE WITH ANY PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE  
ON THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR.

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Memorandum



To SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (P) Date 2/20/92

From SA [redacted] b7C

Subject CHURCH OF THE CREATOR;  
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)  
OO: CHARLOTTE

For the information of the Switchboard and Night Duty Clerk, [redacted]

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In addition, [redacted]

regarding captioned matter.

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- 1 - Switchboard Operator

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CITE: //3140//

PASS: SSA  EXT  DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, b7C

CTS, CID.

SUBJECT: ✓ CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC); DOMESTIC

SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T); OO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY ON COTC AUTHORIZED FEBRUARY 18, 1992,

TO EXPIRE MAY 17, 1992.

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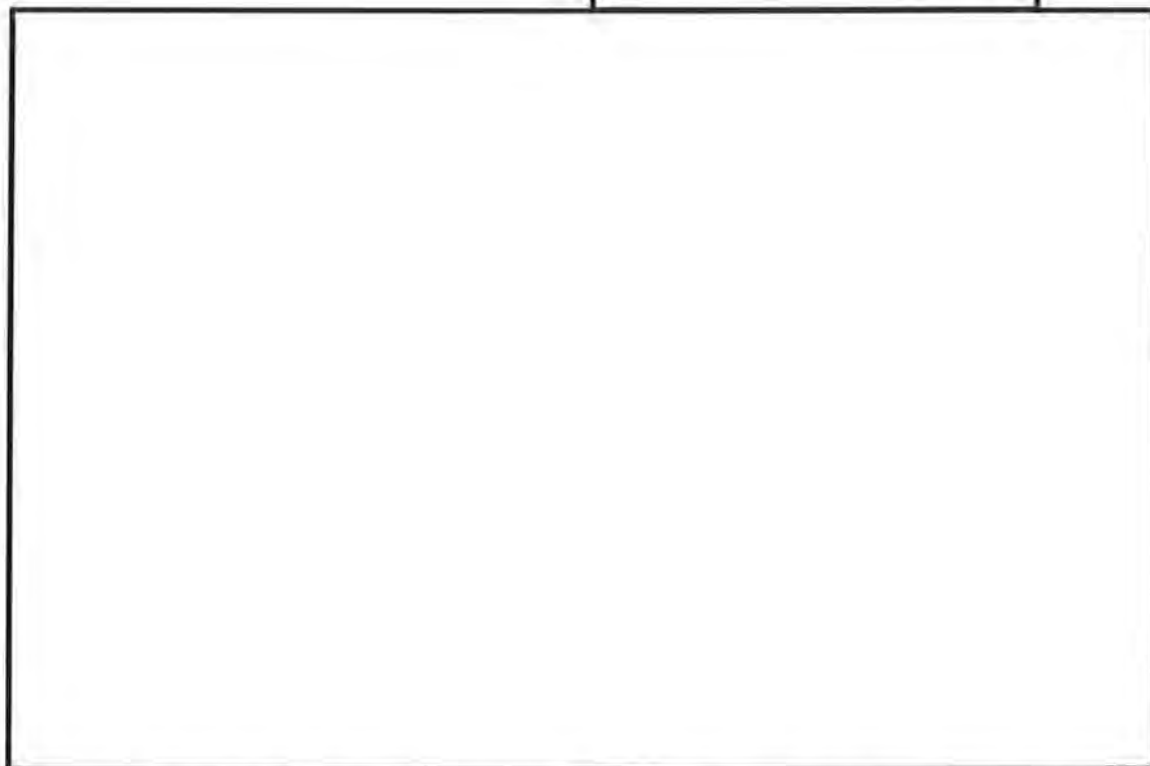
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REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALLS TO SSA [REDACTED] EXT.

[REDACTED] DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, CTS, CID, AND SA [REDACTED] b7C  
MILWAUKEE DIVISION, ON FEBRUARY 24, 1992.

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION IS CONDUCTING A PRELIMINARY  
INQUIRY ON THE COTC IN ORDER TO [REDACTED]



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THE FILES OF THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE OF THE FBI REVEAL THAT  
BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 20,



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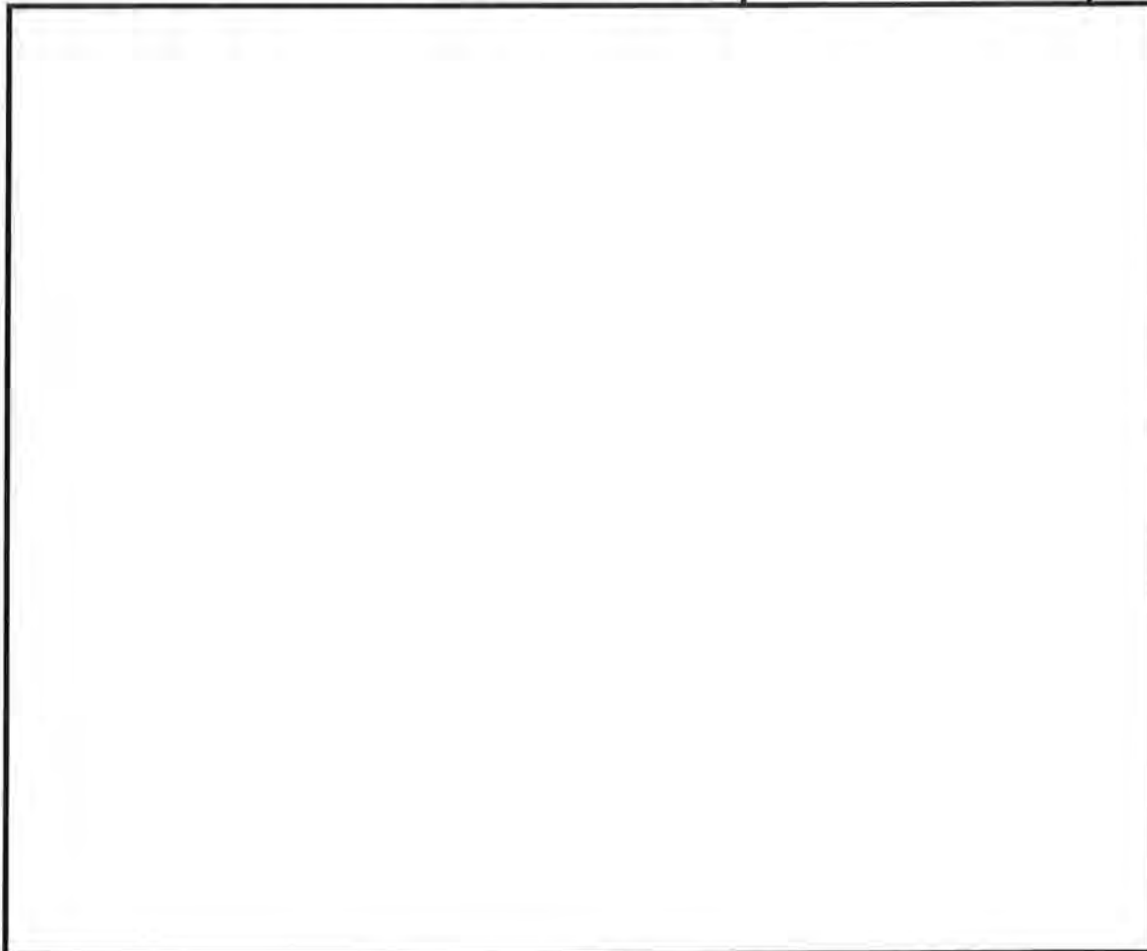
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES,



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A REVIEW OF THE MARCH 1992 ISSUE OF COTC PUBLICATION  
"RACIAL LOYALTY" REVEALS AN ARTICLE WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY  
REPUBLISHED FROM THE "MILWAUKEE SENTINEL" DATED FEBRUARY 1,  
1992. IN THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER STATEMENTS, COTC PRESIDENT  
KLASSEN ADVISES THAT THERE ARE DOZENS OF CREATORS, AS THE COTC  
MEMBERS ARE CALLED, IN MILWAUKEE AND THEY ARE DOING A GOOD  
JOB. THIS ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT THERE IS A 24 HOUR WHITE  
SURVIVOR HOTLINE IN OPERATION WITH A RECORDED MESSAGE THAT

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CURRENTLY TARGETS BLACK ALDERMAN MICHAEL R. MC GEE. THE MESSAGE CALLS MC GEE A TERRORIST. REFERRING TO MC GEE'S THREAT TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE IF CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY'S BLACKS DO NOT IMPROVE, THIS RECORDED MESSAGE ALSO STATES THAT, "WE CREATORS WILL BE THERE TO FIGHT AGAINST HIM."

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION BY CHARLOTTE HAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

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THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION IS CURRENTLY OBTAINING A SUITABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED]

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION, AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN: IS REQUESTED, THROUGH LOGICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER SOURCES,

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TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: IS

REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ADVISE CHARLOTTE AND MILWAUKEE OF ANY

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PERTINENT INFORMATION [REDACTED]

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CHARLOTTE DIVISION: WILL CONTINUE PRELIMINARY  
INVESTIGATION OF COTC IN ORDER TO SUBSTANTIATE ITS INVOLVEMENT  
IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

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CITE: //3470//

PASS: ATTENTION FBINW, SSA [REDACTED] EXT. [REDACTED] b7C

DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT, LTR CID.

SUBJECT: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

OO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AUTHORIZED 2/18/92 TO EXPIRE

5/17/92.

RE 1-45-LOTTE TELETYPE DATED 2/25/92.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION ADVISED OF THE [REDACTED] b7D

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REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REQUESTED MILWAUKEE TO DETERMINE  
THROUGH LOGICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER SOURCES IF [REDACTED]

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ON 2/27/92, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE  
 FROM : ACTING SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (P)  
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC);  
 DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)  
 OO: CHARLOTTE

Reference Charlotte teletype to Director and  
 Milwaukee, et al, 2/25/92.

Enclosed by Federal Express for Milwaukee are four  
 (4) color photographs of [REDACTED]

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Milwaukee is requested to continue investigation  
 requested in referenced teletype.

LEAD:CHARLOTTE DIVISION:AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Investigation continuing.

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② - Charlotte

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FM FBI LOS ANGELES 100A-87550 SUP 100A-13894 -1

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CITE: 100A-87550-700

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AREA 87 INHABITANT; DOJ; DO; LOS ANGELES

FULL INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED 2/20/95 EXTENSION 100

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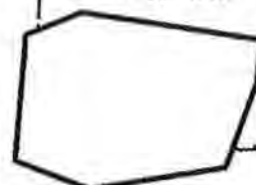
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REFERENCE TELETYPE FROM CHARLOTTE DIVISION, 2/25/92 TO  
LOS ANGELES AND RECEIVING OFFICES.

REFERENCED TELETYPE PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING



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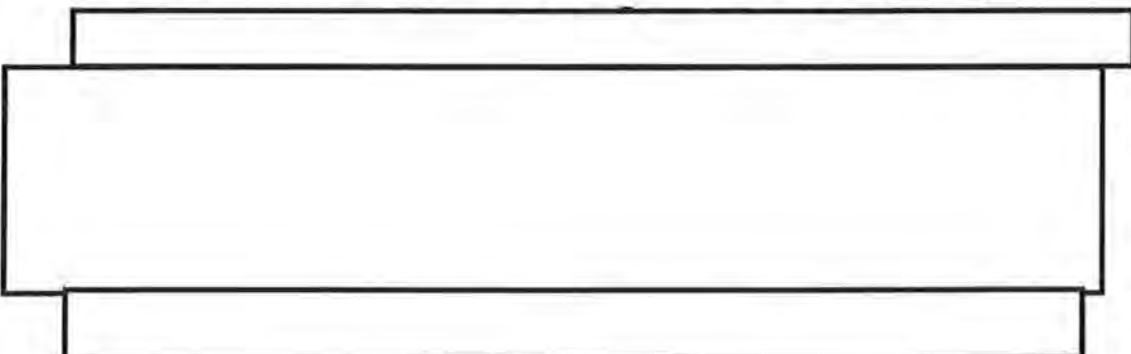
INITIATED A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY REGARDING COTC.

CHARLOTTE ALSO INITIATED A LEAD



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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND MILWAUKEE DIVISION:



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TO FBI CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-4170) (P) PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AREA CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; SECURITY/TERRORISM

DS/T; OO: LOS ANGELES.

CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; IS/T; OO: CHARLOTTE

REFERENCE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO FBI, LOS ANGELES AND

MILWAUKEE, CAPTIONED CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, DATED 1/21/72; LOS

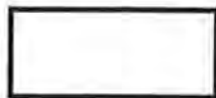
ANGELES TELETYPE CAPTIONED LOS ANGELES AREA SINHEADS, DATED

2/2/72; AND TELEPHONE CALL FROM MILWAUKEE TO BUREAU TO DOMESTIC

TERRORISM UNIT (D-1). FEINQ, 3/2/72.

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IN REFERENCED CHARLOTTE TELETYPE CHARLOTTE ADVISED



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IN REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, LOS ANGELES ADVISED THAT



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CITE: 11047011

RECS: ATTENTION FBIHQ, SSA [REDACTED] ROOM 5200. b7C

ELECT. CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DS/T; CC: CHARLOTTE (100A-

CE-66174) (P)

LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; DS/T; CC: LOS ANGELES (100A-

87550) (P)

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AUTHORIZED 3/12/92 RE CHURCH OF THE

CREATOR; TO EXPIRE 5/17/92. FULL INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED

2/20/92 RE LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; EXTENDED AND EXPIRES

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RE MILWAUKEE TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU CHARLOTTE AND  
LOS ANGELES ON 2/2/92.

REFERENCED TELCALLS DISCLOSED [REDACTED]

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PER REFERENCE TELCALLS, [REDACTED]

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DEEMED APPROPRIATE, INVESTIGATION WILL BE PERMITTED AS EVENTS  
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CITE: //3470//

SUBJECT: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

OO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 2/18/92, TO EXPIRE 5/17/92.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED 3/3/92, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTED [REDACTED]

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS

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TO LOCATE AND CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH NO SUCCESS. MESSAGES

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INVESTIGATION IN MILWAUKEE HAS DETERMINED THAT CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC) POST OFFICE BOXES IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA AS LISTED IN "RACIAL LOYALTY" WERE OPENED IN THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

P.O. BOX 531, STURTEVANT, WI: [REDACTED]  
CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, [REDACTED] STURTEVANT, WI, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]  
P.O. BOX 1052, KENOSHA, WI: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KENOSHA, [REDACTED] WITH THE b7C  
FOLLOWING NAMED ORGANIZATIONS: WHITE BERETS, CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, UNITED WHITE YOUTH, NORTHERN HAMMER SKINS (NHS).

P.O. BOX 14543, MILWAUKEE, WI, 53214: [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE, WITH THE FOLLOWING NAMED ORGANIZATIONS: WHITE STUDENT UNION, AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, WISCONSIN PROBATION UNIT.

P.O. BOX 44304, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, 53214: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH THE b7C  
FOLLOWING NAMED ORGANIZATIONS: W.A.R., S.H.A.M., N.H.S., C.O.T.C.

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SPOT CHECKS OF THE ABOVE ADDRESSES REVEALED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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A CHECK OF MILWAUKEE INDICES REVEALS THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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MILWAUKEE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER

[REDACTED] AND TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE [REDACTED]

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MEMBERS OF THE COTC IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA.

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FM FBI MILWAUKEE (100A-CE-66174) (P)

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FBI LOS ANGELES/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //3470//

PASS: FBIHQ FOR SSA [REDACTED] CID, DOMESTIC TERRORISM b7C  
UNIT.

SUBJECT: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

OO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 2/18/92, TO EXPIRE 5/17/92.

RE TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES DIVISION, AND

SA [REDACTED] MILWAUKEE DIVISION, 3/11/92. b7C

IN REFERENCED TELCALL SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] b7C

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⑧ ON 3/8/92, TWO COTC-AFFILIATED INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED BY THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN CONNECTION WITH A SPREE OF RACIAL INCIDENTS ON MILWAUKEE S SOUTH SIDE ON THE MORNING OF 3/8/92. THE INCIDENTS DID NOT RESULT IN ANY INJURIES. THE ARRESTED INDIVIDUALS WERE

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IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] W/M, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE, AND [REDACTED]

W/M, DOB [REDACTED]

⑨ ACCORDING TO POLICE, [REDACTED] ALONG WITH TWO

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OTHER WHITE MALES, DROVE AROUND IN A CAR SHOUTING RACIAL REMARKS AND THREATENING SEVERAL PEOPLE WITH A CLUB OR PIPE. THE ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE INFLICTED BY THE GROUP WAS A SMASHED REARVIEW MIRROR. THE GROUP ALSO ENTERED A CONVENIENCE STORE AND THREW A COPY OF "RACIAL LOYALTY" DOWN ON THE COUNTER, MADE WHITE POWER COMMENTS, KNOCKED SOME MERCHANDISE OFF THE SHELVES, AND LEFT. THE DRIVER OF THE CAR, WHO WAS NOT

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ARRESTED, WAS REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] b7C

NEITHER THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION NOR MPD CID HAS SEEN ANY  
EVIDENCE OF [REDACTED] INVOLVEMENT IN THE EVENTS OF 3/8/92; b7C  
RATHER, THE NATURE OF THE INCIDENTS WOULD SEEM TO DEMONSTRATE  
A PROFOUND LACK OF MATURE DIRECTION.

CHARLOTTE AND LOS ANGELES ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP MILWAUKEE  
INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED] b7C  
WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES.

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CITE: //3470//

PASS: ATTENTION FBIHQ SSA [REDACTED] DOMESTIC TERRORISM b7C  
UNIT, CTS, CID.

SUBJECT: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

OO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 2/18/92, TO EXPIRE 5/17/92.

RE TELCALLS OF SA [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES DIVISION, AND

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SA [REDACTED] MILWAUKEE DIVISION ON 3/12/92 AND  
3/17/92.

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IN REFERENCED 3/12/92 TELCALL, SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT

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ON 3/15/92, [REDACTED] WAS OBSERVED BY SA [REDACTED]

ENTERING THE RESIDENCE AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS ON FOOT AND APPEARED TO BE  
RETURNING FROM AN ERRAND.

ON 3/17/92, LA ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OF THE MILWAUKEE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WHO  
ADVISED THAT MPD DETECTIVES ENTERED THE COTC HEADQUARTERS AT

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1223 SOUTH 23RD STREET IN RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT CALL THAT A WOMAN WAS HEARD CRYING AND PLEADING. DETECTIVES FAILED TO LOCATE A CRYING WOMAN BUT DID NOTE THAT THE ROOM WAS SET UP AS A MEETING AREA, COMPLETE WITH COTC PROPAGANDA AND A SHRINE TO SLAIN MEMBER BRIAN FOZEL. IT IS NOTED THAT MPD HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION WITH THE ADDRESS OF THE COTC HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT MENTIONING THE FACT THAT A POLICE ENTRY HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. MILWAUKEE DIVISION WILL TAKE THIS INCIDENT INTO ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO MPD IN THE FUTURE.

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CITE: //3470//

PASS: ATTENTION FBIHQ, SSA [REDACTED] CID, CTS, DTU. b7C

SUBJECT: CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;

OO: CHARLOTTE.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 2/18/92, TO EXPIRE 5/17/92.

RE LA TELETYPE, DATED 3/13/92, CAPTIONED "LOS ANGELES

AREA SKINHEADS; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM; OO: LOS ANGELES"

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHARLOTTE, INFORMATION IN

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Date 3/19/92

FM FBI CHARLOTTE (166C-KX-61292) (P)

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SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY; [REDACTED] AKA; ET AL; ITAR-MURDER; b7C

OO: KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES,

MARCH 17, 1992, AND CHARLOTTE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SSA [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] TO KNOXVILLE SSA [REDACTED] ON MARCH 18, 1992.

INITIALLY, TO IDENTIFY THE TELEPHONE NUMBER USED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C

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[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING WAS LEARNED: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHERE THE EXCHANGE EXISTS)

SHOWS THAT THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO [REDACTED] b7C

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THIS SAME DIRECTORY AT THE [REDACTED] LISTING SHOWS THAT

ADDRESS TO BE [REDACTED]

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COTC IS THE SUBJECT OF A PRELIMINARY DOMESTIC/SECURITY/  
TERRORISM INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
(100A-CE-66174) WHICH WAS INITIATED FEBRUARY 18, 1992, WITH  
EXPIRATION OF MAY 17, 1992. THIS INVESTIGATION OF THE COTC IS  
BEING CONDUCTED

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PASS: FBIHQ FOR SSA [REDACTED] CID, CTS, DOMESTIC b7C  
TERRORISM UNIT.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED 3/13/92, AND AIRTEL DATED

3/19/92, WITH ENCLOSED FD-302, BOTH CAPTIONED "LOS ANGELES

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ANGELES."

REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS ADVISED OF INFORMATION PROVIDED b2

BY [REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] b7D has advised

FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS, MILWAUKEE CONTINUES

LIAISON WITH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THIS MATTER.

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[REDACTED] DUE TO THE LIMITED SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION PERMITTED

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BY THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY, MILWAUKEE IS UNABLE TO PLACE

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SOURCES IN THE COTC ORGANIZATION, AND RELIES ON INFORMATION

PROVIDED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHARLOTTE IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE  
AUXILIARY OFFICES OF ITS CURRENT INVESTIGATIVE STRATEGY  
CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION.

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DATE 06-22-2004 BY 60290 AUC DCE/MLB/gig

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; DS/T; OO: LOS ANGELES.

FULL INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED AUGUST 20, 1989; EXTENDED  
TO AUGUST 3, 1992.

REFERENCE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 21,

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1992, CAPTIONED "CHURCH OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC  
SECURITY/TERRORISM; OO: CHARLOTTE", AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE  
TO THE BUREAU, MARCH 28, 1992, CAPTIONED "LOS ANGELES AREA  
SKINHEADS; DS/T; OO: LOS ANGELES".

REFERENCED MILWAUKEE TELETYPE ADVISED MILWAUKEE WOULD BE  
UNABLE TO PLACE SOURCES IN THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)  
ORGANIZATION [REDACTED]

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REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND CAN PROVIDE NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

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OF VALUE AT THIS TIME. CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] WAS  
NEGATIVE REGARDING ANY LOCAL COTC OR SKINHEAD ACTIVITIES.

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Date 4/7/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (100A-LA-87550 SUB J)  
 SUBJECT : LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS;  
 DS/T;  
 OO:LOS ANGELES

Captioned matter is a full field Domestic Security investigation scheduled to expire on 8/3/92.

Reference Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated 3/19/92. Reference telcal on 4/7/92 between SA [redacted] Milwaukee Division and SA [redacted] NYO.

Enclosed for the Milwaukee and Los Angeles Divisions is a copy of an LHM prepared in connection with a New York investigation into the activities of the Church of the Creator (COTC).

Investigation into captioned matter has developed information regarding [redacted]

In addition, in referenced telcal, SA [redacted] advised that [redacted]

In referenced Los Angeles Airtel, it was revealed that [redacted]

During the course of New York's investigation of COTC, it was revealed that [redacted]

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Date 4/10/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT : WHITE BERETS:  
 DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;  
 OO: MILWAUKEE (100A-MW-27290) (P)

CHURCH OF THE CREATOR;  
 DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM;  
 OO: CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (P)

Preliminary inquiry of CHURCH OF THE CREATOR  
 initiated 2/18/92, to expire 5/17/92. PI of WHITE BERETS  
 initiated 4/10/92, to expire 7/8/92.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is the original and <sup>two</sup> three  
 copies of an FD 302 of [redacted]

[redacted] Enclosed for the  
 Bureau, Charlotte, and Detroit are two copies of an FD 302 of  
 [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and recipients,  
 [redacted]

3-Bureau (enc. 2)  
 ②-Charlotte (enc. 2) *MD*  
 2-Detroit (enc. 1)  
 2-Los Angeles (enc. 4)  
 2-Milwaukee  
 (1-100A-CE-66174)  
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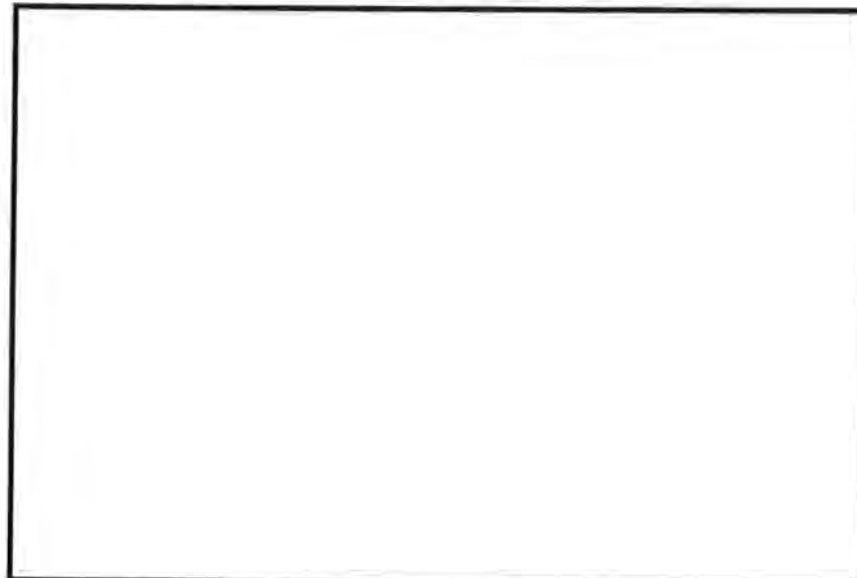
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100A-MW-27290

It is noted that surveillance in Milwaukee has  
identified 

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For the information of the Bureau and recipients, on Monday, April 6, 1992, a group of about 15 individuals representing the COTC staged a peaceful demonstration a block from South Milwaukee High School, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This high school, which is located in a predominantly white suburb, has been the site of recent racial problems. A COTC representative telephoned the Milwaukee Journal newspaper in advance to announce the demonstration. South Milwaukee Police Department officers were present at the demonstration and took photographs which show a group of people, some wearing black uniforms and some in camouflage fatigues and civilian attire, marching on a sidewalk carrying Confederate flags and COTC flags. The following individuals were identified from license plates taken by police at the demonstration:



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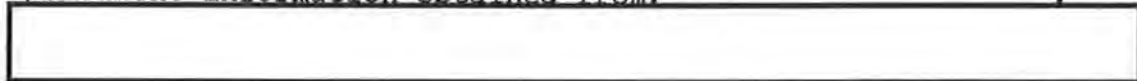


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Milwaukee will provide recipients with any further  
pertinent information obtained from

[Redacted]

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Date 4/15/92

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100A-CE-87550) (P)  
 FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174)  
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)  
 DS/T  
 OO: CHARLOTTE

Preliminary inquiry initiated 2/18/92, to expire  
 5/17/92.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Division, are two FD-  
 302's reflecting interview of [REDACTED]  
 Also enclosed are two photographs of [REDACTED]

(4) Charlotte investigation, see DeLeonardis memo  
 For the information of LA. [REDACTED]

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(15) [redacted] is described by observation and interview:

Name:  
Sex:  
Race:  
Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Social Security  
Account Number:  
Marital Status:  
Last Known Address:

[redacted]

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

[redacted]

Continue investigation re [redacted] b7C  
activities regarding [redacted] b7D  
[redacted] and advise Charlotte of significant developments.

CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Investigation continuing.

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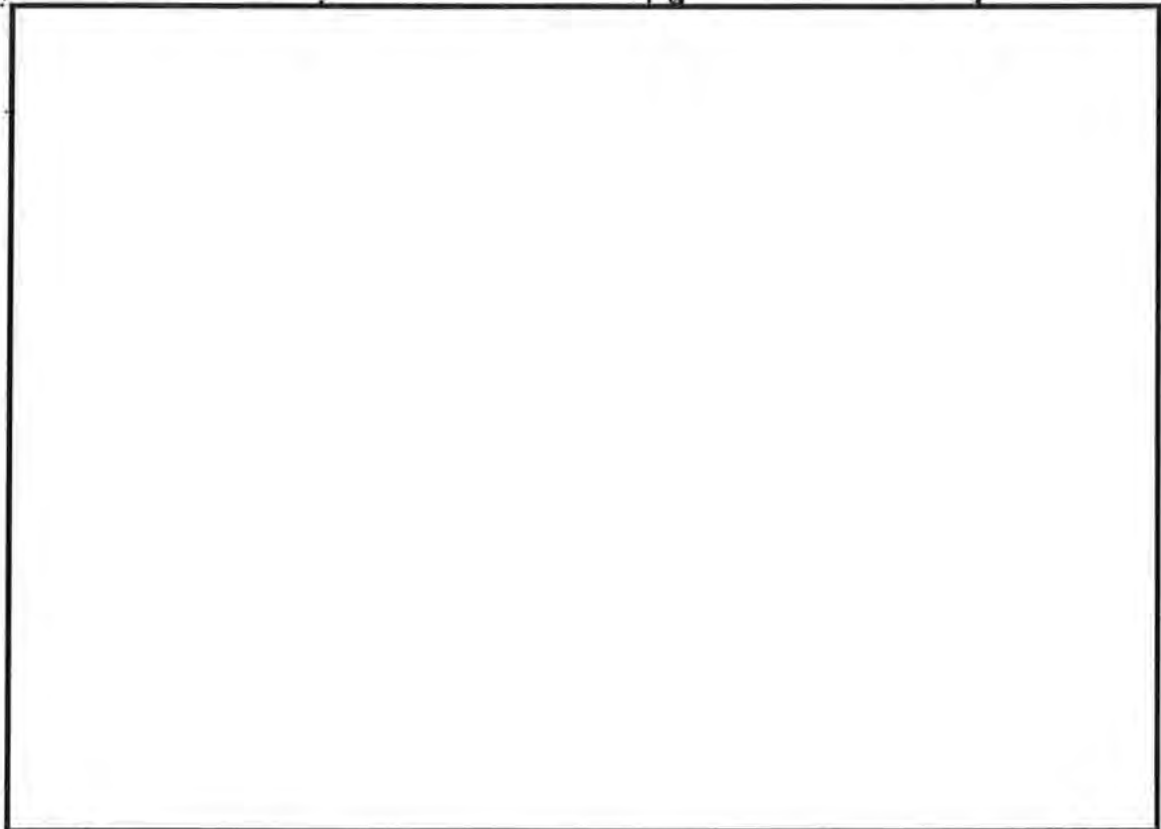
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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AREA SKINHEADS; DS/T; OO: LOS ANGELES.

FULL INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED 8/20/89; EXTENDED TO EXPIRE  
ON 8/3/92. *(16) all checks PARA'S*

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU: 



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FM FBI LOS ANGELES (100A-87530 SUB J) (SARA) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/PRIORITY/

FBI CHARLOTTE/PRIORITY/

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Date 6/11/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-661740) (P)  
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR  
 DS/T  
 OO: CHARLOTTE

[redacted] an extremely reliable source who  
 furnishes information on a continuing basis. advised on  
 [redacted] that [redacted]

The asset [redacted]  
 [redacted] has closely followed this organization and its  
 activities for the past year. Asset has no further details or  
 facts concerning [redacted]

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This information being furnished Denver for  
whatever action deemed appropriate.

Memorandum



To SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (P) Date 6/11/92

From SA [redacted] b7C

Subject CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)  
DS/TO  
OO: CHARLOTTE

[redacted] an extremely reliable source who has  
furnished information on a continuing basis, advised on [redacted]  
that information was received that [redacted]

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Asset advised that Asset has been following COTC for  
quite some time and has a library of books written by BEN KLASSEN  
and monthly newspapers published by COTC which can be made  
available for review if needed.

Asset advised on [redacted] that [redacted]

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Asset advised on [redacted] that [redacted]

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Asset advised that [redacted]

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④ - Charlotte (2 - 100A-CE-66174)  
(1 - 100A-CE-61724 Info.)  
(1 - [redacted])

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The Asset advised that COTC did not issue, as far as Asset knows, a copy of "Racial Loyalty" for April of 1992.

Asset noted that in the March and May issues of 1992 there has been a change in format where they are not printing contact point for references or individuals who contribute articles to the newspaper. In the May issue there was a letter from [redacted] The letter was directed to BEN KLASSEN, the Pontifex Maximus, and in the letter [redacted] stated that he enjoyed meeting with KLASSEN this past summer, after having had no contact with him for approximately eight years.

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KLASSEN has indicated in the newspaper that [redacted] will no longer be the successor to KLASSEN and that the new or designated Pontifex Maximus when KLASSEN steps down will be a [redacted]

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Asset noted this is the first time Asset has seen [redacted] name mentioned in any of the COTC newspaper articles. Asset is of the opinion, based on articles in the May issued of COTC, that there is some type of reorganization going on within COTC with indications the group will become more militant and in Asset's opinion the group needs to be watched very closely.

Asset advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Asset advised that from reading KLASSEN's books and more recent writings, the group is becoming more prone to violence. If the leadership is not, it is felt by Asset, that members in the rank and file are.

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Asset has also determined that [redacted]

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Asset further advised that from reading articles written by KLASSEN in the "Racial Loyalty" newspaper. Asset has a concern for the safety of [redacted]

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It is the opinion of Asset that [redacted]

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[redacted] (It is noted this information has been furnished to the Bureau endeavor by separate communication.)

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Date 6/22/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, DENVER (100A-CE-661740, (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR;  
 DS/T;  
 OO: CHARLOTTE

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau and Denver,  
 dated 6/11/92, as captioned.

For information of the Bureau and Charlotte

[redacted] Denver, Colorado, was advised of a potential  
 threat to his safety on the part of BEN CLASSEN, leader of  
 captioned group, on 6/18/92 by Denver SSA [redacted]

SSA [redacted] also discussed on same date, this  
 potential threat with [redacted]

In a notification to [redacted]  
 DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT (DPD), same date, it was learned that  
 this captioned group [redacted]  
 [redacted] In addition, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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Denver JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE (DJTT)  
Coordinator, SA [REDACTED] on 6/18/92, contacted two  
sources knowledgeable of captioned group. Both are of known,  
proven reliability and advised as follows: b7C

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Denver will maintain contact with sources and  
[REDACTED] as his office has primary  
responsibility for the protection of [REDACTED] and is  
monitoring this situation. b7C

Charlotte is requested to immediately advise Denver  
if [REDACTED] provides further information relevant to this  
matter. b2

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In the meantime, Denver considers this matter RUC.

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FY FBI MILWAUKEE (100A-MW-172911) ( )

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE

FBI CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174)/ROUTINE

FBI LOS ANGELES (100A-LA-97530)/ROUTINE

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DATE 06-23-2004 BY 60296 AUC BCS/MLT/djs

SUBJECT: WHITE DEFECTS; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM; ( )

MILWAUKEE.

RE TEL. FROM SPECIAL AGENT (SA) [REDACTED]

MILWAUKEE DIVISION, TO BSA [REDACTED] FIELD, IN 7/7/82. b7C

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY (PI) INITIATED 4/10/82 TO EXPIRE

7/8/82

MILWAUKEE DIVISION IS CLOSING ITS PI IN THE PARA-MILITARY

ARM OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC), THE WHITE DEFECTS. CLE

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cc to [REDACTED] (info)

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TO THE LACK OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY THE SED CP.

INVESTIGATION IN MILWAUKEE HAS REVEALED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] - HOWEVER, NO POSITIVE INFORMATION HAS

BEEN DEVELOPED REGARDING THIS GROUP ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE  
POLITICAL OR SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE OR  
VIOLENCE.

SINCE THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT MEET THE GUIDELINES  
NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THIS INVESTIGATION MILWAUKEE IS  
DISCONTINUING THIS CASE IN DEED.

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TO FBI LOS ANGELES (100A-27350)/ROUTINE

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SUBJECT: WHITE PERETS; IS/T; OO: MILWAUKEE;

MURDER OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY-TERRORISM; UN.

CHARLOTTE;

LOS ANGELES AREA BUREAU; DE/T: OO: LOS ANGELES.

MILWAUKEE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 4/10/92 AND  
EXPIRED 12/92.

CHARLOTTE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 2/15/92 AND  
EXPIRED 5/17/92.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED 7/11/92.

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CHARLOTTE AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. PROVIDE  
MILWAUKEE WITH COPIES OF ANY INVESTIGATION NOT PREVIOUSLY  
PROVIDED OR A SYNOPSIS OF THE CHARLOTTE INVESTIGATION  
CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH OF THE DEATH, THE  
WHITE HERETIC, AND INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WHITE  
SUPREMACIST MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS MOVED TO MILWAUKEE.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA IN CRISP 1-2  
MILWAUKEE DIVISION TO FURTHER EVALUATE THE POSSIBLE THREAT  
POSED BY THE CDTC WHICH IS CURRENTLY LED BY [REDACTED] AND b7C  
HEADQUARTERED IN MILWAUKEE, MILWAUKEE REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

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2) ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE

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MILWAUKEE BASED COTC ACTIVITIES

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☐ UNCLAS E F T O  
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Date 7/28/92

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-CE-66174) (C)  
 SUBJECT : CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC);  
 DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM  
 OO: CHARLOTTE

5/17/92. Preliminary Inquiry (PI) initiated 2/18/92, expired

Reference Charlotte airtel to Director 6/11/92 and  
 Milwaukee teletype to Charlotte 7/22/92.

No investigation conducted after expiration date of  
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 Agent to more priority matters.

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On 6/26/92, the Ashville Citizen Times reported that the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC) had moved from Western North Carolina to Milwaukee and that the COTC's new leader is the Reverend BRANDON O'ROURKE of Milwaukee.

Charlotte PI referenced captioned matter is closed in view of the lack of criminal activity which is required by the Attorney General Guidelines for Domestic Security/Terrorism investigations.

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CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)  
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)

On February 18, 1992, the Charlotte Division of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initiated a preliminary  
inquiry on the COTC [REDACTED]

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In a booklet entitled The Little White Book authored by  
BEN KLASSEN, RAHOWA is identified as the one word in which we sum  
up the total goal and program of not only the COTC, but of the  
total white race and it is this: We take up the challenge and we  
gird for total war against the Jews and the rest of the god  
damned mud races of the world--politically, militantly,  
financially, morally, and religiously. We regard RAHOWA as a  
holy war to the finish, a racial holy war. It is the ultimate  
and only solution.

The COTC is a white supremacist organization based in  
Otto, North Carolina, that espouses a violent anti-semitic and  
anti-black philosophy. The COTC purports to be a racial  
religion, but it expressly excludes a supreme being. This church  
also borrows liberally from the Nazi National Socialism  
philosophy but includes all white nationalities. The official  
COTC position advocates no unlawful acts, but rather preparation  
for a racial holy war.

The files of the Charlotte office of the FBI reveal  
that BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN, white male, date of birth February  
20, 1918, Post Office Box 400, Otto, North Carolina, is a retired  
real estate developer who came to North Carolina in 1982 from  
Florida and began building his COTC for the national  
dissemination of books, pamphlets, and brochures which advocate  
white supremacy.

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KLASSEN is the President of the COTC which is his "Creativity Center." This complex consists of a one two-story church building, a ranch style house behind the church where KLASSEN resides, and another small building in front of the church. The complex covers approximately 26 acres and a boarded fence restricts view of the structures.

Racial Loyalty is a monthly newspaper edited by and directed by KLASSEN and members of the COTC. This newspaper states it is dedicated to the survival, expansion, and advancement of the white race. Prior investigation determined that approximately 25,000 copies of the newspaper are mailed monthly.

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**Church of Creator  
publication  
circulated in N.Y.**

COHOES, NY - Copies of a publication once printed in Western North Carolina depicting Jews as greedy and blacks as drug addicts are being circulated in a small town in eastern New York, police said Friday

The distribution of "Racial Loyalty," a 12-page monthly newsletter published by Church of the Creator, formerly based in Otto, a rural community in Macon County, appears to have started in Cohoes this month, according to police there

The publication includes derogatory cartoons of blacks and Jews among articles reflecting its founders' beliefs of white superiority

A local television station said several copies of "Racial Loyalty" had been distributed around Cohoes, just outside Albany

The Church of the Creator and the newsletter were founded by Ben Klassen of Otto. Klassen retired as the group's leader and headquarters were moved to Milwaukee in June. Klassen still lives in Otto, but the Macon property was sold to William Pierce, a former member of the ~~American~~ Nazi Party

Pierce has not announced any plans

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movement as he has for the past 20 years

Pierce owns 346 acres in West Virginia, which he calls the Cosmotheist Community. And he is affiliated with the National Alliance, a group made up in part by defectors from the American Nazi Party, which turns out volumes of racist literature, according to Klanwatch, an arm of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Pierce has a following from various right-wing terrorist groups. He holds a Ph.D. in

physics from the University of Colorado.

He worked as a science laboratory researcher and taught physics at Oregon State University until 1965, according to Klanwatch.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, Pierce resigned from his science job in 1966 to join the American Nazi Party.

After American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell was assassinated in 1967, he was named one of the principal leaders of the party, which later was renamed the National Socialist White People's Party.

Pierce has edited the National Alliance's monthly tabloid, the National Vanguard, formerly titled 'Attack'.

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## Former American Nazi Party member buys white supremacist property in Macon

By Bob Scott  
WESTERN BUREAU

OTTO - A man identified by anti-hate groups as a prime mover in extremist racist organizations and a former member of the American Nazi Party has purchased the white supremacist Church of the Creator's property in southern Macon County, according to county records.

William Pierce of Hillsboro, W Va., bought 21 acres from the church in July for \$100,000, according to a deed on file in the Macon County Courthouse.

Attempts to reach Pierce, 57, at his farm in Pocahontas County, W Va., were unsuccessful Wednesday. A person answering the telephone there confirmed Pierce bought the property. When asked what Pierce planned to do with the property the person, who would not give a name, said, "you'll find out soon enough."

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Pierce is the author of 'The Turner Diaries,' a novel that the white supremacist group The Order allegedly used as their Bible to carry out a series

of armored car robberies and the killing of a Denver Jewish radio talk show host in 1983 and 1984. Pierce published the book in 1978 under the pen name Andrew MacDonald.

The 'Turner Diaries' is a novel about guerrilla warfare and violence against Jews and others that the racist group National Alliance has called a "handbook for white victory."

The \$4.95 a copy book, published by National Vanguard Books, also lists a Hillsboro address.

"I don't know what he has in mind," said Ben Klassen, the former leader and founder of the Church of the Creator.

In June, Klassen announced to his "Dear White Racial Comrades," that he was moving his World Center of the Church of the Creator from Otto to Milwaukee, Wis.

Klassen invented a religion he calls Creativity, which is based on love of the white race. He also advocates "Rahowa," which is an acronym for Racial Holy War.

Klassen, 74, said he wanted to retire because his financial resources are exhausted and he is no longer able to subsidize the

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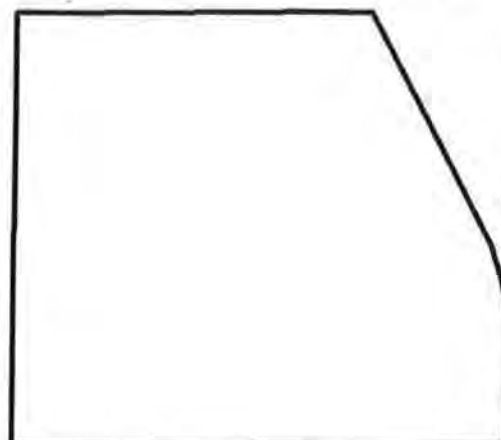
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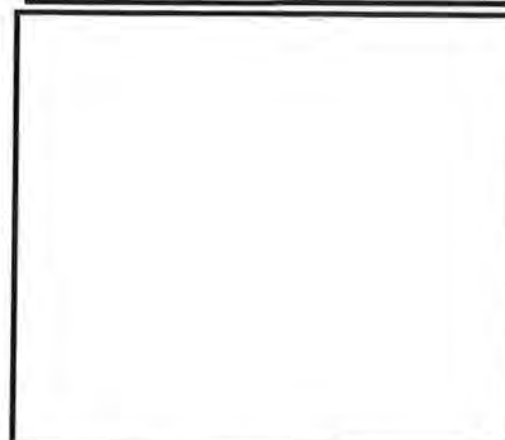
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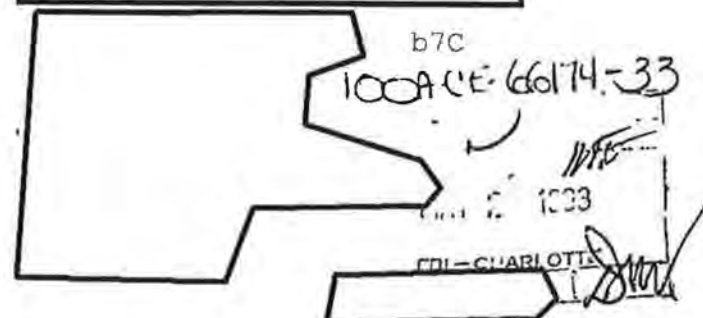
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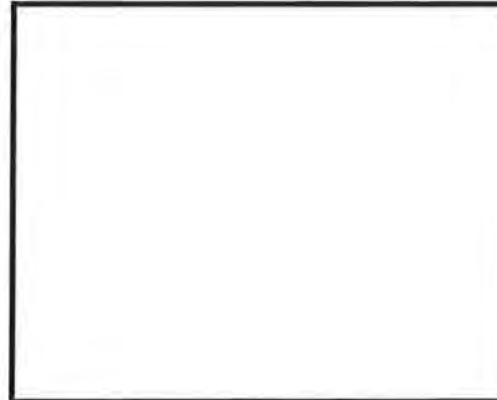
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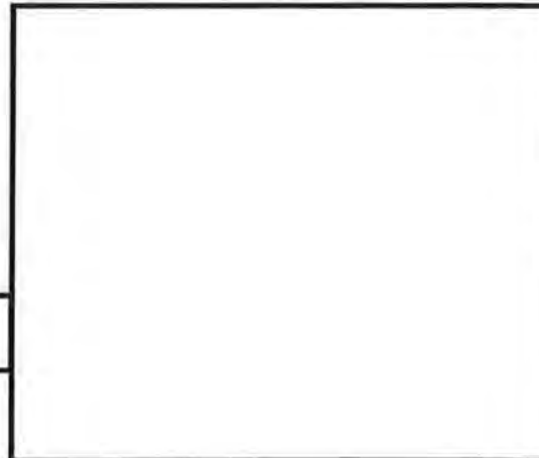
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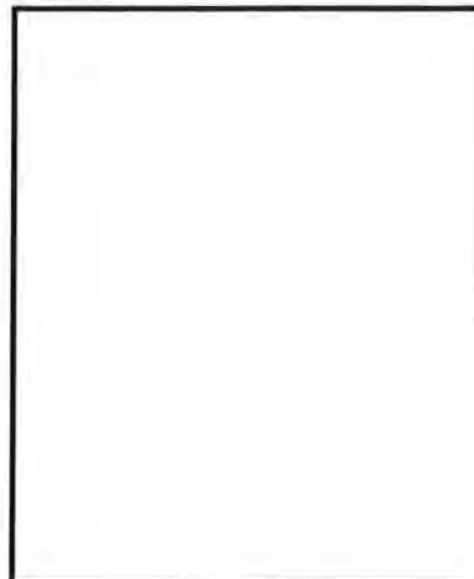
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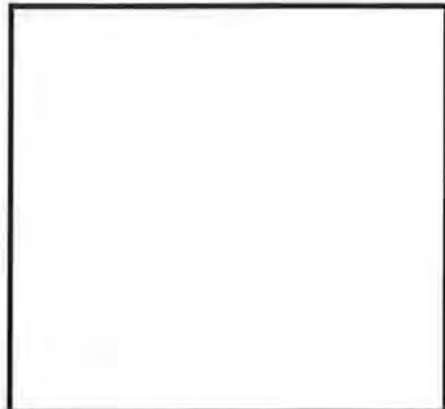
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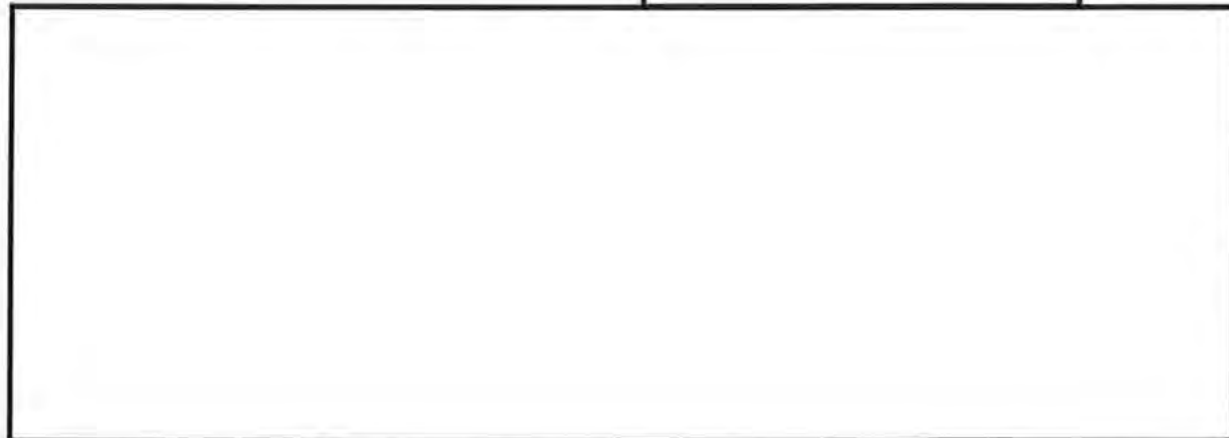


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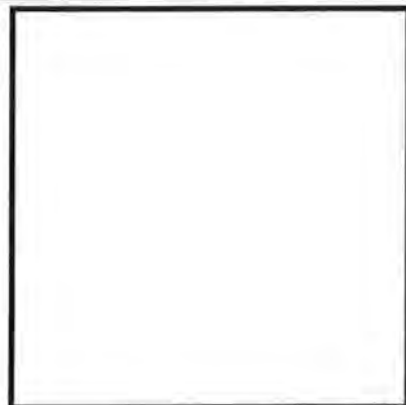
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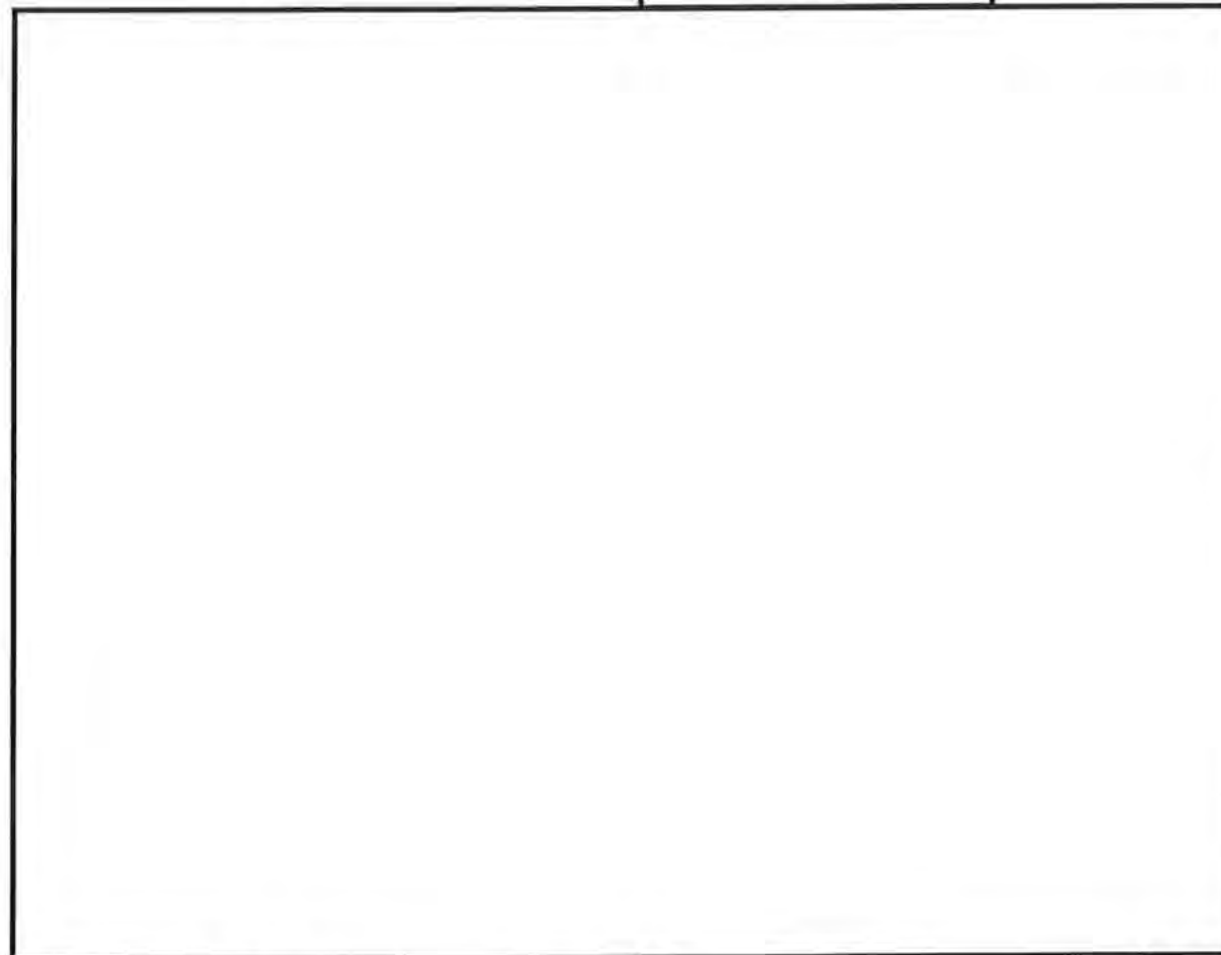
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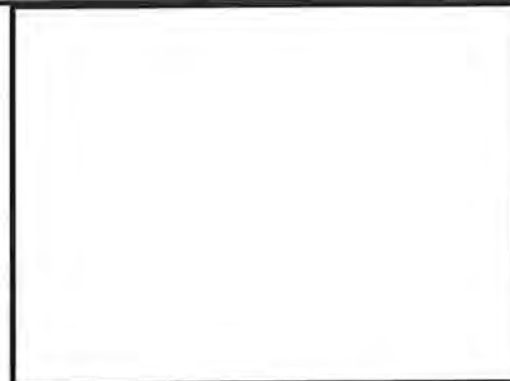
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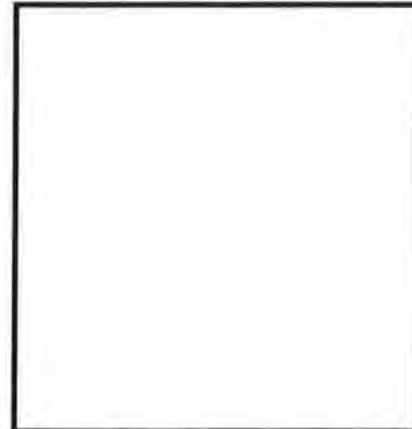
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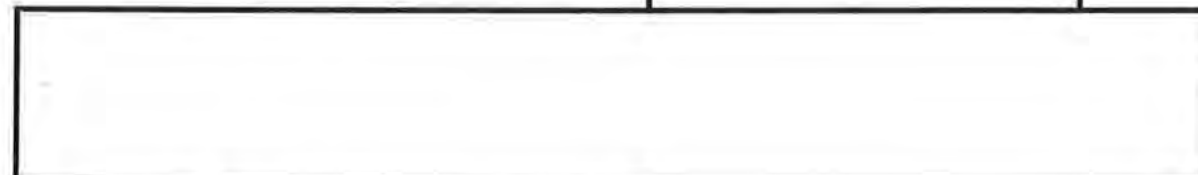
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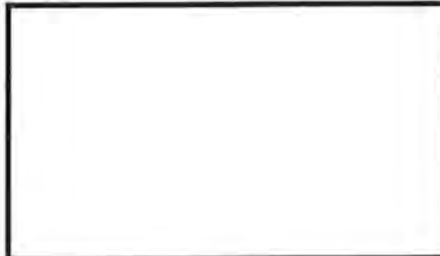
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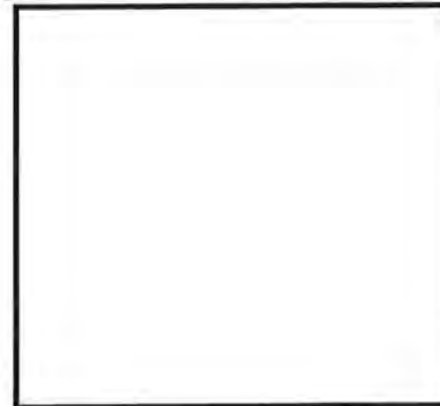
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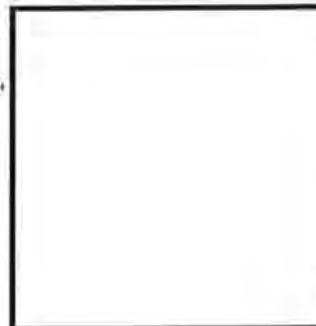
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**DETAILS:** For information of Jacksonville, the Church of the Creator (COTC) is a white supremacist organization which was founded by BEN KLASSEN of Otto, North Carolina. In May of 1992, KLASSEN appointed [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin the new leader of the COTC. [redacted] subsequently moved the headquarters from Otto to Milwaukee. b7C

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On 1/26/93, Brookfield Police Department (a suburb of Milwaukee) arrested three COTC members for carrying concealed weapons at the EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

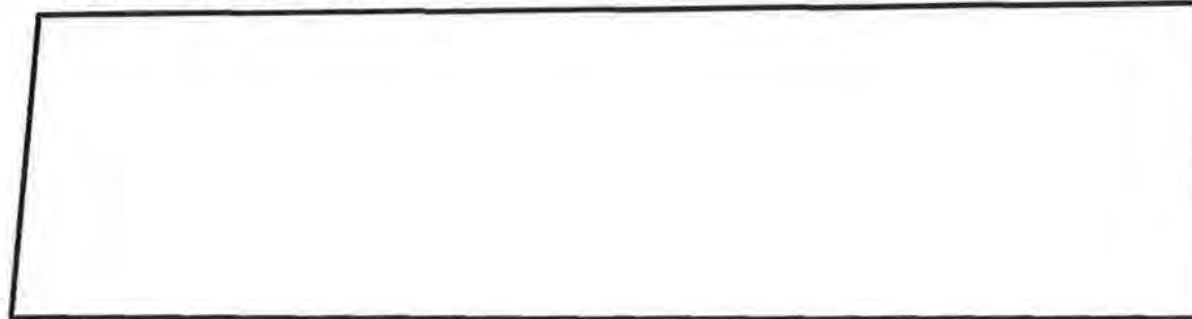
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The Milwaukee Division has no active investigation into the COTC, but was made aware of this information through normal liaison with local law enforcement.

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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER Friday, July 16, 1993

# Race war was goal of plot, agents say

By JIM NEWTON  
And ANN O'NEILL  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In a series of coordinated raids Thursday morning, federal agents and Los Angeles police officers took into custody eight alleged white supremacists, at least one in what authorities said was a plot to kill Rodney King, blow up the renowned First A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles and attack other prominent African-American and Jewish leaders.

The suspects — who live in five Southern California cities — were affiliated with two well-known white supremacist groups, the White Aryan Resistance and the Church of the Creator, authorities said. In addition, at least one of the suspects allegedly heads up a group called the "Fourth Reich Skinheads," which authorities identified as a militant wing of the White Aryan Resistance.

Law enforcement officials said the intended violence was planned to trigger a race war, and added that they believed the arrests represent a significant setback to the white supremacist movement in Southern California.

The arrests cap an intense 18-month investigation into Southern California hate groups in which the FBI succeeded in infiltrating the organizations, using confidential

informants and an undercover agent. Agents secretly taped many discussions of the white supremacists, capturing some on audiotape and videotape, officials said.

A number of weapons were seized during the morning raids, and most of the suspects are being charged with federal weapons offenses. Two are juveniles and were not identified. If convicted, the others face prison sentences ranging from 10 to 45 years.

While most of the adult suspects were in their early 20s, one is a 35-year-old flight engineer for Continental Airlines, who was suspended Thursday without pay. Another is a 42-year-old real estate saleswoman.

Authorities identified these six adult suspects: Christopher David Fisher, 20, Jeremy C. Von Rine-man, 22, Jill Marie Scarborough, 22; Josh Lee, 23, Christian Gilbert Nadal, 35; and Doris Nadal, 42.

All six, according to authorities, are white supremacists who trafficked in illegal weapons, but only Fisher was linked to plots against King and community leaders.

Fisher was arrested as he and two juveniles prepared a letter bomb to be sent to a rabbi, authorities said. They said Fisher claimed to lead the Fourth Reich Skinheads, a group committed to launching a race war.

Other potential targets mentioned by Fourth Reich Skinhead members were leaders of the NAACP and the Urban League; Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan, the Rev. Al Sharpton, a New York activist; and rap music stars.



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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER Sunday, July 18, 1993

# Skinhead violence said to be rising

## Experts fear greater activity from white supremacist groups

By PETER APPLEBOME  
New York Times

ATLANTA — The arrest last week of eight white supremacists who are accused of plotting to incite a race war in Southern California comes at a time of rising violence by skinheads who form the shock troops for the neo-Nazi movement in America, experts on hate groups say.

Skinheads in this country have not previously been tied to wholesale acts of terrorism, but the FBI says some of those arrested in Los Angeles were members of a skinhead group who were plotting to bomb the First-African Methodist Episcopal Church there and shoot worshippers.

Violence has become so ingrained in the skinheads' life that a report on their activity issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith just three days before the arrests concluded "The skinheads are today the most violent of all white supremacy groups. Not even the Ku Klux Klans, so notorious for their use of the rope and the gun, come close to the skinheads in the number and severity of crimes committed."

Irwin Suall, fact-finding director of the Anti-Defamation League, said the Los Angeles charges raised the possibility that skinheads were prepared to move to more large-scale violence from the

**"The skinheads are today the most violent of all white supremacy groups. Not even the Ku Klux Klans, so notorious for their use of the rope and the gun, come close to the skinheads in the number and severity of crimes committed."**

— a report by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

random beatings, shootings and attacks on blacks, Jews, homosexuals, immigrants and members of other minority groups that have resulted in 28 deaths since 1987 (22 of them since 1990) and thousands of other crimes.

"I do think we're in a period of transition in the white supremacist movement," Suall said. "Clearly, there are trends within it to move toward more serious violence, to escalate the violence."

In numbers alone, skinheads are hardly a major force. The Anti-Defamation League puts the number of skinhead youths given to white

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supremacist ideology, overtly racist music and random violence at 3,300 to 3,500 nationwide. Despite the prevalence of shaved heads, some wear their hair longer to avoid being conspicuous.

Danny Welch, director of the Klanwatch project of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., which monitors and has filed numerous lawsuits against hate groups, said "What makes skinheads noteworthy right now is their random violence. They have been responsible for the majority of the violence committed by organized racists. They get out and just beat the heck out of anybody that's a minority or anybody that doesn't agree with them."

To some who study hate groups,



Metzger

what is most worrisome about the potential for skinhead violence is the groups' tendency to ally with and serve more established racist organizations. In the Los Angeles case, the authorities say, the suspects were also tied to the White Aryan Resistance, led by Tom Metzger, and the Church of the Creator, two of the nation's

most virulent hate groups and among the most aggressive in forming alliances with skinheads.

The loose nature of many skinhead alliances can make prosecutions difficult, and the accusations against the Los Angeles suspects represent somewhat uncharted territory. Still, those who monitor skinheads and other hate groups say they find nothing out of character in the charges.

"None of us here were surprised," Welch said. "I mean, this is the sort of thing that they've talked about in publications. This is the sort of thing that these people hear in speeches, hear behind closed doors at their private meetings. This is the sort of thing they cut their teeth on."

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A CHECK OF INDICES REGARDING THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

IN 1986 PER A REQUEST BY THE CLEVELAND DIVISION, THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION CHECKED A POST OFFICE BOX 400, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH WAS REVEALED TO BE REGISTERED TO THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, OLD GEORGIA ROAD, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP AT THE TIME WAS BEN KLASSAN. KLASSAN AND [REDACTED] ARE LISTED AS THE FOUNDERS OF THE CHURCH. THE SAME TELETYPE REVEALED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING KLASSAN IS CONTAINED IN BUTTE FILE 100A-9595 ENTITLED "ARYAN NATIONS (AN), CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, [REDACTED] IDAHO; DOMESTIC SECURITY - TERROFISM; OO: BUTTE". KLASSAN IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 20, 1918. IN 1986 KLASSAN RESIDED AT P.O. BOX 400, COMMISSIONER CREEK, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA. IN 1986 CHARLOTTE ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONCERNING KLASSAN OR THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR UNTIL REQUESTED TO DO SO BY CLEVELAND DIVISION. APPARENTLY NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WAS

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A FURTHER CHECK OF INDICES REVEALED A NEWSPAPER CALLED  
RACIAL LOYALTY PUBLISHED BY THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, P.O.  
BOX 400, OTTO, NORTH CAROLINA 28763. THE ISSUE WAS NUMBER 58  
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CHARLOTTE INDICES SEARCH REGARDING CHURCH OF THE CREATOR  
(COTC) REVEALED ON FEBRUARY 18, 1992, THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
INITIATED A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY ON THE COTC IN ORDER TO  
CORROBORATE LOS ANGELES DIVISION INFORMATION RECEIVED [REDACTED]

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INVESTIGATION WAS CLOSED BY CHARLOTTE ON MAY 17, 1992, IN VIEW  
OF THE LACK OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY THE COTC AND/OR ITS  
MEMBERS. THIS COTC TRAINING WAS FOR A "RACIAL HOLY WAR."

THE COTC IS A WHITE SUPREMACIST ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS  
FOUNDED BY BERNARD (BEN) KLASSEN AND BASED IN OTTO, NC, THAT  
ESPOUSED A VIOLENT ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-BLACK PHILOSOPHY.  
THE COTC PURPORTS TO BE A RACIAL RELIGION, BUT IT EXPRESSLY  
EXCLUDES A SUPREME BEING. THIS CHURCH ALSO BORROWS LIBERALLY  
FROM THE NAZI NATIONAL SOCIALISM PHILOSOPHY BUT INCLUDES ALL

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WHITE NATIONALITIES. THE OFFICIAL COTC POSITION ADVOCATES NO UNLAWFUL ACTS, BUT RATHER PREPARATION FOR A RACIAL HOLY WAR.

CHARLOTTE INDICES REVEAL KLASSEN, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH FEBRUARY 20, 1918, P. O. BOX 400, OTTO, NC, IS A RETIRED REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO CAME TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1982 FROM FLORIDA AND BEGAN BUILDING HIS COTC FOR THE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND BROCHURES WHICH ADVOCATE WHITE SUPREMACY.

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IN JUNE 1993, THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION RECEIVED INFORMATION THROUGH LIAISON WITH THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER THAT COTC'S HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN MOVED FROM MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, b7C TO NICEVILLE, FLORIDA, AND ITS NEW LEADER WAS [REDACTED]

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On 8/11/93, it was learned that KLASSEN committed suicide at his residence in Otto, N.C. Local authorities reported that there were a number of sleeping pills found near his body along with a note. The authorities did not release the contents of the note but did advise it referred to Chapter 59 of KLASSEN's book, The White Man's Bible. In this particular chapter, KLASSEN writes "Suicide is not dishonorable, Like the ancient Romans, we believe that under certain circumstances suicide is an honorable way to die rather than live on in shame, humiliation or captivity."

"Surely, we have every right to decide when and if we should die and who is better qualified to make that decision and every person for himself." KLASSEN's body was found by members of his family at his residence, the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR compound, Otto, N.C.

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# Supremacist Ben Klassen kills himself

Note referred to writings on suicide

By Bob Scott  
WESTERN BUREAU

OTTO - Ben Klassen, the 75-year-old founder of the white supremacist Church of the Creator, was found dead Saturday morning, the victim of an apparent suicide.

Klassen took four bottles of prescription sleeping pills sometime after midnight.

Saturday, the Macon County Sheriff's Department believes a handwritten suicide note on a yellow legal pad was beside his body, sheriff's deputies reported.

The contents of the note were not made public. But it referred to chapter 59 of Klassen's book, The White Man's Bible.

In the book Klassen writes "Suicide is not dishonorable. Like the ancient Romans, we believe that under certain circumstances suicide is an honorable way to die, rather than live on in shame, humiliation or captivity."

"Surely we have every right to decide when and if we should die, and who is better qualified to make that decision than every person for himself."



Ben Klassen

In another paragraph of the same chapter Klassen writes "I would not prefer to live on, growing old, feeble and senile, spending months, even years vegetating uselessly in a nursing home, being cared for like (an) infant. No, I would never let it come to that. I

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would end it quickly and cleanly long before that."

Family members discovered Klassen's body in bed at his A-frame house, which overlooks the Church of the Creator compound near the Georgia line in southern Macon County.

Klassen, who established his own religion over the years at-

tracted an odd assortment to the fold through racist propaganda. The church not only preached the conventional white supremacist hatred for Jews and Blacks, but also attacked Christianity as a Jewish hoax calculated to destroy the white race.

Klassen found a conspiracy in everything from government to religion.

In June 1992 he told his followers his financial resources "are exhausted and I will no longer be able to subsidize the movement as I have for the past 20 years."

Klassen then appointed three different people to be supreme leaders before deciding in January to turn over the church to Rick McCarty, 39, of Niceville, Fla. On July 15 Klassen told the Asheville Citizen-Times that he was no longer head of the church.

Klanwatch, a group which keeps tabs on white supremacists, believes Klassen has been trying to distance himself from a 1991 racial murder committed by George Loeb, a "minister" in the church.

Loeb was convicted in 1992 of the murder of Petty Officer 3rd

Class Harold Mansfield, a US Navy veteran of the Gulf War, during a dispute in a Jacksonville, Fla., parking lot.

Klassen was born in the Ukraine and lived in Canada and Mexico before moving to Florida in the 1950s. He was elected to the Florida state legislature in 1966 on an anti-busing, anti-government platform. He was defeated in a 1967 bid for Florida state senate.

In 1973 Klassen founded the Church of the Creator. In 1982 he moved to Otto and built the church compound on a 19-acre lot.

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**Ben Klassen**

**OTTO** - Ben Klassen, 75, of Swiss Village Road, formerly of Light-house Point, Fla, died Saturday, Aug. 7, at his residence.

A native of Tauruda, Ukraine, he was the son of the late Bernhard and Susanna Penner Klassen and the husband of the late Henrie Etta McWilliams Klassen.

**Ben Klassen**

Klassen held a bachelor's degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Manitoba. He was a philosopher and author, and was inventor of the first electric can opener in 1954. He was a retired real estate broker and had served as a Florida state legislator in 1967. He was the founder of The Church of the Creator in Otto.

Surviving are a daughter, Kim Anita Moore of Martinsville, Va, two sisters, Mrs H L Snider of Niagra Falls, Ontario, and Mrs Peter Plett of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and three grandchildren.

Services and burial will be at a later date.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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# White supremacist dies; suicide is suspected

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The founder of a white-supremacist group whose members were linked to a planned race war in Los Angeles and a racially motivated slaying in Florida has died at his Western North Carolina home.



Klassen

Ben Klassen, 75, was found dead Saturday morning at his home in Otto Macon County. Investigators said he took a quantity of sleeping pills. His death was ruled a suicide.

The former Florida real estate developer, born in Ukraine, started his Church of the Creator in 1973. Unique among white-supremacist organizations, the group reviled not only racial minorities and Jews but Christians, whom Klassen saw as dupes of a global Jewish conspiracy.

His group's monthly newspaper regularly forecast a "racial holy war." In a 1991 interview, Klassen spoke of a worldwide white revolution "not dissimilar to what Hitler did in Germany with the Nazi party."

In recent years, the group successfully recruited young skinhead members. The Southern Poverty Law Center's Klanwatch project estimated the group had followers in 20 states and eight foreign countries.

Klassen resigned as head of the group in June 1992, saying he could no longer afford to operate it.

Meanwhile, some members took to heart Klassen's veiled call to arms.

Last month, federal authorities in Los Angeles arrested eight people in what they called a plot to kill Rodney King, blow up a well-known black church and attack other prominent black and Jewish leaders. The suspects were affiliated with the Church of the Creator and a second white-power group, the White Aryan Resistance.

A Church of the Creator leader in Jacksonville, Fla., was sentenced to life in prison last year in the killing of a black sailor who had returned from the Persian Gulf war. Prosecutors said the slaying was racially motivated.

In 1991, the N.C. Property Tax Commission ruled that the "church" wasn't a religious group and ordered it to pay some \$1,600 in back property taxes in Macon County.

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Maximus (Latin for "high priest"), although in keeping with his preference for corporate culture, he favors the lower-keyed title of executive director, because, he says, it makes "the whole thing a bit more acceptable and recognizable."

The COTC espouses a race-based religion known as Creativity, which worships nature—not a higher God—and is "dedicated to the survival, expansion and advancement of the White Race." It is virulently anti-Semitic, racist and, unlike most white supremacist groups, anti-Christian as well.

The group has a striking emblem: a red crown, a white halo and a large black W. When asked what it signifies, McCarty fumbles through a highlighted notebook for the answer, mumbling: "I've got it all written down, I'm tired and my mind's not working." (The crown, it turns out, stands for the COTC's "kingly position." The halo indicates that the white race is "sacred above all others." And the large W? It represents the white race, of course.)

Church of the Creator dogma, as outlined in such books as "The White Man's Bible," written in 1981 by COTC founder Ben Klassen, dictates that a racial holy war, or RAHOWA in COTC parlance, must ensue to rid the world of "parasitical Jews" and the so-called "mud races" (people of color). A "Jewish conspiracy," according to the COTC, controls the federal government, international banking and the media.

McCarty took over the COTC last January and readily concedes that his mission is to make it profitable. Asked if anything is unique about running a business that preaches hatred of Jews and other minorities, he responds: "It's all the same thing. It doesn't really matter. It's just a different commodity. We've had people say that a religion is not a business, but I don't know any that aren't."

Long a bit player in the already marginal world of white supremacists, the Church of the Creator has recruited heavily since the late '80s—and with some success. McCarty brags of a following in the thousands, including members in all 50 states and 37 countries, with strong chapters in Germany, South Africa and Sweden. And he says the COTC prints between 20,000 and 40,000 copies a month of Racial Loyalty, its tabloid.

White-supremacist watchdogs say McCarty's numbers are inflated; they estimate the church's following in the hundreds instead of thousands. But the COTC has been especially successful in reaching the most active, impressionable and violent disciples of the hate movement today: young, racist skinheads. In recent years, more than 30 COTC skinhead chapters have popped up in states such as New York, California and Wisconsin.

Numbers, however, don't tell the whole story. Indeed, the group's real strength may lie not in signing up supporters but in the particular power of its message. "They're dangerous in that they influence young kids," explains Danny Welch, director of Klanwatch, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. "The No. 1 reason why we go after the COTC," he adds, "is because they instill violence in people through their rhetoric." The COTC membership is so violent that the group has leapfrogged to the top of the list of organizations that Klanwatch tracks—superseding the Ku Klux Klan in the South, the California-based White Aryan Resistance and the Aryan Nations, headquartered in Idaho.

The most obvious sign of the group's higher profile is the growing list of criminal acts committed by its followers. The group has a national prison-based "brotherhood" of about 180, many of whom are doing time for racially motivated crimes, according to Klanwatch. COTC members have been linked to terrorist conspiracies and violence—including murder—against minorities both in the United States and abroad.

Last July, a Florida jury convicted George Loeb, a COTC minister, of murdering Harold Mansfield, an African American who had served in the Persian

Gulf War. Loeb, who does not hide his hatred for blacks, shot Mansfield after a parking-lot altercation. And at least five of the COTC's Canadian members have been arrested on charges ranging from kidnapping to assault for crimes against immigrants, anti-racists and rival white supremacists.

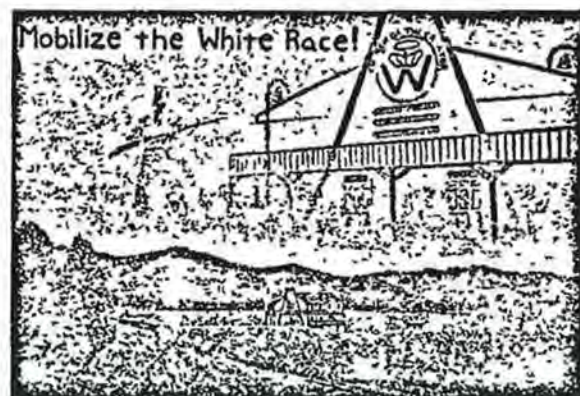
In July of this year, one of three skinheads suspected of firebombing the NAACP office in Tacoma, Wash., confessed that he was a COTC minister or area organizer. The heavily armed trio planned to carry out a string of attacks on Jewish buildings and black rap stars. Also in July, two Oregon County residents associated with the COTC—Jeremy von Riesenman, 22, and his then-girlfriend Jill Marie Scarborough—were arrested on weapons charges in conjunction with a federal undercover sting. As part of the operation, Joe Allen, working on behalf of the FBI, had infiltrated the Church of the Creator.

Ironically, the COTC's emergence as a big-league player in global racial circles coincides with potentially self-destructive growing pains. The group has been embroiled in leadership struggles and faces financial uncertainty as well as the mounting scrutiny of federal law-enforcement officials and hate-group watchdogs.

Just who are the followers that worship at the Church of the Creator and why are they preparing for a racial holy war? And does the COTC have the staying power of veteran racist groups like the Klan and White Aryan Resistance? Or will the world's only white-power religion become a victim of its own success?



The late Ben Klassen in front of the Church of the Creator house of worship he built in 1982 in Otto, N.C. Below, a COTC poster.



JEREMIAH (JEREMY) KNESAL OF AUBURN, Wash., has a long juvenile record with a racist bent. Knesal, 19 and awaiting sentencing in a Northern California prison, is a recent COTC convert who took its prophecy of a racial holy war very much to heart. In fact, he tried to start one. But after his side trip to a J. C. Penney store in a failed attempt to steal jeans, T-shirts and underwear, the race war that was just beginning was all over.

It was a summer day in Salinas, a small farm community south of San Francisco, and Knesal got busted for shoplifting. A routine police search of Knesal's car turned that dime-a-dozen arrest into a large-scale investigation involving the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Inside his 1987 green Volvo were three metal pipe bombs, four loaded rifles, ammunition, racist literature, military-style clothing and wigs. The car also contained a certificate from the Church of the Creator: Knesal was "a member in good standing."

It didn't take long for Knesal to spill the beans. He told an FBI agent, who says Knesal was "very proud" to be a COTC reverend and state director, that he had bombed the NAACP building in Tacoma a week earlier. He also admitted targeting a Seattle gay bar, according to FBI Agent John Zent, where an explosion had occurred a few days later. (No one was hurt in either blast.) Court documents reveal that Knesal, along with two other white supremacists not connected to the COTC, intended to start a race war in a battleground ranging from Oregon to the U.S.-Canadian border. The trio planned to murder black rap artists Ice-T and Ice Cube and to bomb synagogues and military installations.

Knesal snitched on Wayne Wooten, 18, also of Auburn, who along with Jeremy was arrested on explosives and firearms charges in Salinas (they have not yet been charged in the Washington crimes), and he implicated a third man—the alleged ringleader, ex-convict Mark Kowalski, 24, who was later picked up in Seattle. In October, Kowalski pleaded guilty to the Tacoma NAACP bombing. On Dec. 1, Wooten pleaded guilty to one felony count and Knesal to four counts. Knesal faces a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines.

When he was arrested, Knesal perfectly fit the profile of a recent COTC recruit. He favored the skinhead look: shaved head, Doc Martens boots and racist tattoos, which, according to Zent, "cover his body from the neck on down to his ankles and out to his wrists." He was affiliated with more than one racist group.

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and he was kicked out of two high schools for distributing hate literature. A worthy warrior in the race war, Knesal is also a confused and troubled teen. He has a prior conviction for malicious harassment of a Latino. But his therapist, Gordon Knesal, describes him as a "great kid" who always treated Gordon's fiancée, Adriana Pittaluga, a Latina, with kindness and respect. "He listened to her more than he would listen to me," says the elder Knesal, a Seattle resident. "I adore the kid," chimes in Pittaluga, who has two children of her own. "When I talk with him [from prison] he tells me he misses me and the kids so much and he doesn't stop crying." Knesal had other good—and one—relationships with minorities: his mother remarried an African American man with whom Jeremy went fishing and hunting. One of his best friends is another African American who taught him how to be a cowboy.

Gordon Knesal, who got custody of his son Jeremy at age 2, has searched for reason for his child's behavior. He says the only motivation the teen-ager might have for hating people of color was that he was beaten up by several black men while skateboarding a few years ago. But Jeremy's racist inclinations were not tolerated at home, says his father, who reprimanded him on several occasions. "I tried everything," says Gordon, his voice sounding both weary and sad, "I couldn't get through."

The COTC is especially attractive to young people like Knesal, experts say, because the group's dogma offers a reason for their failures. "We see a lot of kids in schools arguing; people can't get jobs, they're worried about crime, unlimited numbers of immigrants, this gives cause to a lot of people," says Klanwatch's Welch. "And someone is listening. I think white Americans do feel left out."

Today's racist organizations are often less structured and more decentralized than traditional hate groups. Now, the elder statesmen of hate provide a basic framework of beliefs for a younger generation of racists, who are being encouraged to start a worldwide white revolution on their own. Jeremy Knesal may have felt like a mover and shaker within the COTC, but he had only been a member for about two months and he was unknown to McCarty before he acted on the church's gospel.

Welcoming the young has proved to be a savvy strategy of the COTC. "It's hard to get a lot of old-line Klansmen to hand out newspapers, but you can get together four or five skinheads, and they'll put out 2,000 pieces of literature in their neighborhood," says Klanwatch chief investigator Joe Roy. Teen-agers are so effective at fulfilling racism's ultimate goals. As COTC founder Ben Klassen wrote in 1988, the movement wants to get "rid of" Jews and nonwhite races through "murder, treachery, lying, deceit, mass killing, whatever it takes to win." Unlike seasoned hatemongers, skinheads are impatient for change. Kids get frustrated, they don't want to wait, they are hands-on people," Roy says.

The COTC's largest "hands on" youth followings have been in Milwaukee and Toronto. At its peak last year, the Milwaukee chapter had about 80 active members and an aggressive leader, Mark Wilson (also known as Rev. Brandon "Rourke"—many COTC devotees use pseudonyms in an attempt to foil police). Several of Wilson's followers are White Berets, members of the COTC's security forces. According to McCarty, the White Berets are an "elite unit" who "protect [COTC] members and their property from harm." Asked whether the White Berets are armed, he laughs and responds, "In ways." The COTC contingent in Milwaukee has run a "white survivor hot line" and hosted overseas supporters at paramilitary training courses that feature pictures of blacks and Jews as targets, according to a British informant. Hate-group monitors also suspect that the chapter runs guns from Wisconsin across the Canadian border.

The Canadian group, about 100 strong, is led by George Burdi, who calls himself the Rev. Eric Hawthorne, a 23-year-old bodybuilder and college dropout with a penchant for quoting Nietzsche. In a telephone interview, Burdi says concern over immigration, multiculturalism, unemployment and the environment are all strong drawing cards. "There's a tremendous amount of support for the COTC message," says Burdi, adding that he's looking for "a high-quality person that's talented, educated, middle- and upper-class who [is] concerned about what's going on as we are."

The spirit of COTC youth is apparent in the music of Canada's RAHOWA hymes with *aloha* rock band. Burdi, its lead singer, believes that his music is powerful propaganda for the '90s. The popular group's recordings are released on his Resistance Record label, which sells "pure racist rock." (To dodge Canada's strict anti-hate laws, the mail-order company is based in Detroit.) In an interview for a recent MTV special on hate rock, Burdi said that

music is "the best way to reach youth... [with]... our political ideas." On the program, Burdi is seen introducing bands at a Toronto club packed with over-amped skinheads bouncing off one another. When RAHOWA's turn comes, he begins to belt out a song over the din of the raucous crowd. It has a familiar tune. To a reworked version of the 1960s Nancy Sinatra hit, "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'," Burdi shouts:

*These boots are made for stompin',  
And that's just what they'll do.  
One of these days these boots are gonna  
Stamp all over Jews.*

TO LEARN ABOUT THE ROOTS OF THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, ONE HAS to travel to western North Carolina, to the tiny rural town of Otto, just shy of the Georgia border. It's a pretty place, dotted with wildflowers and surrounded by rolling hills. The community, too small to be incorporated as a city, consists of a couple of gas stations, a few craft shops, a home-style restaurant, post office, flea market and country music hall.

For more than a decade, it was also the home of Ben Klassen, founder and driving force behind the Church of the Creator. Klassen, who first registered the COTC in 1973 in Lighthouse Point, Fla., moved to Otto permanently in 1982. There, on his 22-acre property, he built a house of worship, an oddly shaped three-story church, complete with the COTC's white-power insignia. He also built a small warehouse, for stockpiling the group's extensive array of publications, and a little-used school for gifted (white) boys.

According to townsfolk, Klassen was intelligent, philosophical and quiet, a polite man who kept to himself. He lived with his wife and daughter in a large but simple A-frame home overlooking his church, in a secluded subdivision whose entrance bears the sign PRIVATE ROAD, PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY, NO TRESPASSING.

But if Klassen wasn't active in Otto, his ideas were well known around town. "I got along with Ben just fine. Now, I sure didn't get along with his beliefs, but I figured he had a right to them," says J. J. Ayers, a Klassen neighbor just back from Sunday service at the local Baptist church. "He'd get all stirred up about the n-----s and the Jews—he hated them. And he made that pretty clear," adds the 79-year-old farmer. The community left him to his own devices. As one longtime resident of this dry Bible Belt county explained, "Our pastor told us just to sit still and not do anything and let God take care of it."

Ben Klassen was born in Ukraine to German-speaking Mennonite parents. His family, described in his books as "early victims of Jewish Communism," lived briefly in Mexico and then moved to Canada, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of arts. In 1945, Klassen settled in the United States and became a citizen three years later. He had a varied career: He was a farmer, a schoolteacher, a nickel miner, an engineer, a realtor and a Republican state assemblyman in Florida for a short time. Klassen was also the inventor of one of the first electric can openers and, in later life, an accomplished oil painter. (Speculation over where Klassen's money was made—he admitted pouring a small fortune into the COTC—is divided between the can opener and real estate.) But Klassen's greatest achievement, he believed, was creating a religion for the white race, a group he dubbed "Nature's Finest."

Disillusioned by the ultraconservative John Birch Society, to which he belonged during the 1960s, and fed up with party politics after working on the 1968 presidential campaign of George Wallace's American Independent Party, Klassen developed his own ideology. In 1938, when he was 20, he had borrowed "Mein Kampf" from the library. "The book... was to influence my life more than any other," he wrote later. It took another 30 years, but it was at this young age that "the vague outlines" for his "full-fledged racial religion for the White Volk" began to take shape. That religion would become Creativity: a creed that maintains that one's race is one's religion.

"It is hard to tell at this point in history whether the n-----s, or the Mexicans, or the Cubans, or the Haitians are the biggest threat to the White Race in America," wrote Klassen in a July, 1990, issue of Racial Loyalty. "The point is they all are, as are the... other mud races who are starving in their own countries and want to get on the backs of the White Man's generous subsidy."

Klassen was not, by most accounts, a charismatic leader. In public appearances, he favored a bolo tie with the COTC's emblem and a painted-on Hitler-style mustache. But he was a prolific writer. During his 20 years as head of the



COTC, he pumped out racist propaganda at a prodigious rate—more than 15 books, including the organization's three sacred texts: "The White Man's Bible," "Nature's Eternal Religion" and "Salubrious Living," a guide to healthy habits for white warriors that he co-authored. Klassen also wrote many of the diatribes in *Racial Loyalty*, signing off with "For a Whiter and Brighter World, Creatively Yours."

Though Klassen didn't know it at the time, his writings would later position the COTC as a front-runner in the new world order of racism. Some of his books are considered classics in today's white-power movement, and *Racial Loyalty* is regarded as "good" hate literature both in the United States and abroad, where such publications are hard to come by; in Germany and Canada, for example, it is illegal. The paper has features like "Cupid's Corner," a matchmaking service for finding the right—white—mate: "White Men and Women, be fruitful and multiply! This planet is all ours!"

Although Klassen claimed that his creation was a religion, he had mixed success convincing government officials of that notion. In 1982, when he built his church in Otto, the organization was granted tax exemption "as a bona fide nonprofit religious organization" from the North Carolina Department of Revenue—a "fact" Klassen cited repeatedly. What Klassen failed to make public, however, was that the state's approval was contingent on a federal government ruling, and the IRS has no record of an exemption.

But for about seven years, Klassen's Otto property did enjoy tax-exempt status, until Richard Lightner became the Macon County assessor. In 1987, Lightner started an investigation, which concluded in 1989 that the Church of the Creator was not, in fact, a church at all. "This is not a religion, this is a social, political organization," says Lightner, who noted that the church grounds were not kept up, that there was no public notice of meetings and that the COTC was a membership organization.

In a battle that dragged on for four years, the county finally succeeded in revoking Klas-

sen's tax-exempt property status in November, 1991. Klassen had invoked freedom of speech and religion in his opposition to the inquiry. "We contend that the persecution of our religion, Creativity, and our church, the Church of the Creator, is nothing more, nor is it anything less, than a malevolent, malicious witch hunt, an Inquisition reminiscent of the Dark Ages," Klassen wrote in 1990. In an anticlimactic ending, he failed to appear in court.

Lightner says it was not moral outrage that motivated him to pursue the matter. It was his compulsion to follow the tax codes to the letter. The county spent about \$15,000 on the case; for the years that Klassen never paid taxes, it lost \$20,000 to \$30,000 in revenue. From Lightner's perspective, the battle was worth it. "It's not right for legitimate churches, who help the community, to be rated the same as this type of organization," he says matter-of-factly.

At the same time the COTC was losing in court, it was winning on the streets. Klassen was beginning to strike a chord with racist skinheads. Many skinheads allied themselves with longtime racist Tom Metzger and his Fallbrook-based White Aryan Resistance, but they were growing disillusioned. In the late '80s, Metzger was embroiled in a lawsuit that revealed he had spent their contributions on such personal items as a hairpiece. They were attracted to Klassen's philosophy and his emphasis on physical training for the race war. In "On the Brink of a Bloody Racial War," published this year, Klassen implores "the younger generation" to "pursue our goal with a militancy, energy and dedication that will drive our congenital enemies into oblivion."

Klassen was also looking for a worthy successor. Tom Metzger says Klassen repeatedly courted him to take the reins, but he declined because "there were some problems. It's a church to start with, and I wouldn't want to be allied with a church." Klassen then made several missteps in choosing the next Pontifex Maximus. First, there was the announcement that Rudy (Butch) Stanko, a Colorado-based felon, had been chosen. Stanko, who

had been convicted of selling tainted meat to schools, wanted to relocate the COTC to the Rocky Mountains, but Klassen opposed the move. So Stanko declined the offer. Then there was discussion in May last year that COTC Rev. Charles Altwater, a Baltimore pizza-delivery man, would take over. But Klassen again changed his mind. That decision proved perhaps a wise one: Six months later, Altwater landed in jail for attempting to bomb a police officer's home.

In June last year, the COTC did move—briefly—to Milwaukee and was led by Mark Wilson. Wilson, who served as Pontifex Maximus for about six months, was likely rewarded for his efforts in recruiting dozens of newcomers to the COTC. But Klassen, who was supposed to have retired upon Wilson's appointment, was still calling the shots. For reasons that remain unclear, Klassen apparently became disillusioned with Wilson, and the 25-year-old did not last long as the COTC high priest.

Then, out of the blue this January, Klassen selected an unknown Rick McCarty. McCarty says he learned about the COTC from watching "Gerard" and was intrigued. "I'd never heard of the Church of the Creator," recalls McCarty, who says he "wasn't really into" racism at that time. "But I've always been interested in religions, and with my background in psychology, I thought, hey, isn't that perfect?"

On his way back from a business trip to Charlotte last October, McCarty called on Klassen. The by-then beleaguered leader lamented his inability to find a replacement, and McCarty says he cheered up Klassen with his ideas for ensuring the group's economic security. Not long after that, McCarty got the nod.

Along with the COTC's problems, Klassen faced personal difficulties in 1992. His wife of many decades died after a long battle with cancer. In July, he sold most of his compound, including the church and school, to a former leader of the American Nazi Party. Although the Otto headquarters had never been a hive of activity, he firmly believed he had "succeeded in

spreading . . . our creed and program to most of the racially conscious groups all over the world and our creed is now well rooted," as he wrote upon his retirement.

During this past summer, the 75-year-old Klassen began work on his final project. He had registered a part of his remaining land for a burial plot and was seen clearing it. He went into town to arrange for his gravestone, and on his property he burned shredded documents and took other files to a landfill. On Aug. 7, Klassen quietly committed suicide. His daughter, who had been visiting her father, discovered that he had taken an overdose of sleeping pills. A suicide note—not made public—referred to a chapter in "The White Man's Bible." In the book, Klassen wrote: "Suicide [is] not dishonorable. Like the ancient Romans we believe that under certain circumstances suicide is an honorable way to die, rather than



live on in shame, humiliation or captivity."

Speculation surrounding his suicide has swelled in recent months. Some say Klassen feared a lawsuit because of the wave of violent crimes by COTC members. Others say he was despondent over his wife's death. Still others contend that it was a simple matter of his life's work being done.

Klassen would no doubt be pleased that his meticulous planning has resulted in an impressive memorial. On a fall day in Oco, his former property—a little shabby from neglect—is ringed by the reds, burnt oranges and golden hues that mark the changing of the seasons. Tucked between the church and Klassen's home is a thin strip of grass—freshly mowed—that leads to his grave. A large, gray tombstone bears the Church of the Creator's insignia, and beneath two carved roves bracketing Klassen's name, and the years 1918-1993, is the inscription: HE GAVE THE WHITE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD A POWERFUL RACIAL BELIEF OF THEIR OWN.

IN A MARCH APPEARANCE on a "Sally Jessy Raphael" show about white-collar racists, Dr. Rick McCarty, as he prefers to be known, had a hard time getting a word in between a teacher and an attorney. Still, he made a valiant effort to espouse the COTC's point of view. "It's time that the white race thinks about themselves, mobilizes, promotes their own interests," he said. "We don't care about the colored races. We just want to get rid of them." McCarty says he seizes every opportunity to appear on tabloid talk shows, but only if he is paid for his time. "There's got to be something in it for us," he says bluntly.

McCarty runs the COTC out of a small office in Niceville, Fla., an unlikely name for a town that's world headquarters of a white-power organization. Born in Germany while his father was stationed in the Army there, he says he went to high school in Niceville, near the military town of Pensacola. McCarty also says he is divorced and childless, but he is actually separated from his third wife and has three children, according to sources

who requested anonymity. Before his recent return to Niceville, McCarty lived in Birmingham, Ala., where a lawsuit, later dismissed, accused him of fraud. He says he earns a living now by operating his own management-consultant businesses and by conducting group-therapy sessions. But one source says his statements should be taken with a grain of salt. He's "sneaky; he wouldn't really tell you where he worked or what he did."

Most locals didn't know that McCarty had moved to the COTC to Niceville until July, when he was arrested on a drunk-driving charge following a COTC bash and after the organization made national news following the federal bust of Los Angeles skinheads. The COTC has no place of worship in Niceville, but there are two large warehouses that hold thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise—books, T-shirts, stickers and other paraphernalia that the COTC sells. A small core of White Berets handles security and helps with COTC mailings, McCarty says.

It's clear that during his short tenure McCarty has tried to bring some structure to a loose-knit organization. He is checking COTC records, making sure members have paid their \$30 "donation" and a \$25 annual subscription to *Racial Loyalty*. "Twenty years ago as a small religious movement just starting out we had more money coming in then [sic] going out. Today we have become so huge that our outgoing postage alone, would feed [sic] a small country," reads a letter from McCarty to COTC members, asking them to pay their fair share. Without Klassen's money, he says, the group is losing about \$4,000 a month. McCarty claims to draw no salary and adds that the COTC "brings in" only about \$24,000 a year.

In the course of a more than two-hour interview, it becomes apparent that this Pontifex Maximus is far from being a fire-breathing racist. At one point, McCarty confesses he doesn't have "a good, solid answer" for why he even leads the organization. "Since I'm the head of the group, I take the party line, so I would consider myself a racist," says McCarty unconvincedly. His low-key attitude, he says, stems

from the fact that he is "kind of insulated" from the white-supremacist world of many of the COTC's members. "Most of the people I deal with on a day-to-day level," he says, "we think more in terms of where we're going to golf, what restaurant we get to eat at, whose boat is working, things like that."

McCarty concedes that there is "probably a lot of violence" within the group, that many of its members own guns and other weapons and that some could be dangerous. "They're not a majority," he says. And, "They have their times when they're nice to have around, of course." Pressed on whether the COTC's rhetoric encourages violence among the young, McCarty replies with a laugh. "Saying yes to a question like that would probably get you sued later on. So I'd have to answer no to that."

McCarty's main motivation seems to be to turn the COTC into a thriving venture. He understands the importance of continuing Klassen's propaganda push. Of *Racial Loyalty*, he says, "The publication is really key. That's really what keeps us alive." But he also wants to expand it. He sees a way to swell the COTC's membership by targeting an upper-income audience with a toned-down version of the paper.

McCarty has trademarked the COTC's name, emblem and rallying cry, RAHOWA. He calls the COTC's symbols powerful marketing tools that must be protected. Recently, he cottoned onto a lucrative new money-maker. "I did some tape cassettes. Basically, all I did was take a chapter out of Klassen's books and read it on the tape and sold it for 10 bucks," he says triumphantly. "Kids love that stuff."

And McCarty believes in the marketing credo that there is no such thing as bad PR. As was the case in July when former COTC member Von Rineman, the 22-year-old from Fullerton, was arrested with his girlfriend for illegally selling a shotgun. The investigation that nabbed them also uncovered a separate skinhead plot to kill Rodney King and to bomb the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. To McCarty, the attention was a real coup. He even claims to

be unconcerned that he backed Joe Allen, considered a star recruiter but actually an FBI infiltrator in the operation.

"What happened in Los Angeles is the best thing that could have happened to us," McCarty says. "We got a million dollars' worth of advertising for free. I thought it was excellent."

Thus relative newcomer to the racist movement has already found a role model. He admires the financial achievements of White Aryan Resistance's Metzger and hopes to emulate it. "I personally think Metzger runs probably the most successful racial organization in the world," McCarty says. "He probably tops it off somewhere around 150 thousand a year, which is really about what you need to run one of these things." Metzger reserves kind, if cautious, words for his new colleague. McCarty "is well meaning and may pull it off," Metzger says. "Time will tell if he's the man for the job."

JOE ROY AND DANNY Welch, Klanwatch investigators, are two former Montgomery, Ala., cops who dress in the same casual manner—jeans and sneakers—and answer questions in an almost identical way. Roy, who wears small round glasses, ties his salt-and-pepper hair back into a tiny ponytail, a most un-Alabama-like fashion statement. Welch is wiry and raspy-voiced—the result, he says, of talking too much. The two work out of the Southern Poverty Law Center's modern offices in downtown Montgomery. On any given day, busloads of schoolchildren congregate around the law center's granite memorial, dedicated to civil-rights activists killed between 1955 and 1968, the last entry is for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Inside the building, banker's boxes filled with files on the COTC are piling up. Roy and Welch are keeping a close eye on the Church of the Creator. The law center, known for its novel civil court challenges against white supremacists, announced in August that it is investigating the COTC to determine whether there is a case to be made for a federal lawsuit against the group.

Klanwatch and the law center keep tabs on hate groups like the COTC with the hope of one day putting them out of business. In recent years, the center has had some success with an inventive legal strategy. They go after the hate theorists for the violent acts of the followers. Using that tactic, in 1987 the group sued, and eventually succeeded in breaking up, one of the largest Ku Klux Klan chapters in the South. In 1990, the center won a \$12.5-million judgment against Metzger and his group White Aryan Resistance in a case involving skinheads in Portland, Ore., who beat to death an Ethiopian student.

For now, the law center is mum about its exact plans for a lawsuit against the COTC. Their investigation, Roy and Welch will tell you in typically tight-lipped copspeak, is continuing and may take as long as three years to complete. But spending the time to gather every shred of evidence is important, Roy says, because "these suits are very difficult to win."

Klanwatch's approach, however, has its detractors. Other hate-group monitors, such as

Lois Ross of the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Renewal, wonder aloud whether civil suits are really the best way to rid a community of haters. Metzger, for example, is still running hate hot lines, publishing a monthly paper and producing his own cable TV program, "Race and Reason," which airs in 62 markets. But with his last appeal having been denied in November, Roy says, Klanwatch intends to "press him full court," collect on the judgment and put a significant dent in his business.

Still, the investigators are well aware of the limits of lawsuits. "We file suits because it is a deterrent," Welch says. It's true, he concedes, "the fanatics we don't get." But suits are nonetheless worthwhile, because "for every one of these guys, we get five or six that quit."

Pressure on the COTC is also coming from law-enforcement agencies. The long list of COTC-related arrests has hit some of the group's VIPs. Canada's George Burd, for example, has two court dates scheduled for next May. One concerns an attack against an anti-racist following a RAHO-WA concert, the other is related to a fight he had with three Middle Eastern immigrants. In Milwaukee, a handful of the vaunted White Berets have been arrested on weapons charges. Pending court dates are having a chilling impact on individual chapters, which are often held together only by a thin leadership thread.

Klassen's suicide, too, may have hurt the COTC's chances for survival, and not just because the founder's free flow of money has dried up. McCarty's emphasis on business over zeal appears to be creating internal conflicts. Klanwatch reports, for example, that early this year disgruntled Milwaukee members were plotting against the new leader when he paid a visit north. (The plan was thwarted by the weapons arrests.) All of this is good news to Welch and Roy. "If there's one thing that we've learned," Welch says, it is that "if there's no leadership—and in this field McCarty is untested—it will kill the movement. Leadership is everything."

Still, few are content to wait and see whether the Church of the Creator will self-destruct.

The case for vigilance against hatemongers like the COTC was made clear by the law-center founder, Morris Dees, in an op-ed piece he wrote for the New York Times. "Until recently, skinhead violence was random and impulsive, mostly street crime targeting the nearest minority person. But their international counterparts have waged terrorist campaigns against immigrants and other minorities for two years," wrote Dees, in a reference to widespread neo-Nazi violence in reunified Germany. "It may only be a matter of time before another race war scheme is hatched by American white supremacists."

NO MATTER WHAT'S DONE in an effort to stop racist organizations—whether it's community pressure, jail time or civil suits—the ideas promulgated by groups such as the Church of the Creator never go away. McCarty is banking on that fact.

The businessman says he isn't worried about rumors that unhappy church members would like to see him ousted. He has seen to it that his friends have been elected to the COTC's board of directors and says he can't be overthrown because he heads the corporation. He also says he is security conscious but has found that "the best defense is no defense at all."

From McCarty's perspective, time is on his side. More white Americans are becoming interested in his group, he says, because of the country's flagging economy, increasing crime and concern over immigration. When times are tough, minorities are often blamed for society's ills. The COTC welcomes disenfranchised whites with open arms.

As a true believer in the wonders of the marketplace, if nothing else, McCarty says he sees a future in capitalizing on Klassen's death. "You know, most religions don't get off the ground until their founder dies," he says. "That's been when they really take off. I see the COTC as a religion that's not quite there yet. It needs a soul. But a lot of times a founder of a religion leaves an open window when they die. You can make mythical heroes out of them when they're gone."

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
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Date 5/18/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT)

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (196B-JK-39911) (FWBRA) (P)

SUBJECT:

100 A-66174-40

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dba CONSOLIDATED AMERICAN PUBLISHING, INC.,  
 509 MAIN,  
 SUITE 201,  
 COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI  
 FBW; MF  
 OO: JACKSONVILLE

Re Information Communication from MW to Bureau,  
 ETAL, dated 5/21/93, entitled, "INFORMATION CONCERNING CHURCH  
 OF THE CREATOR; DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM", UCFN: 100-0.

- 2 - Bureau (Info)
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Birmingham
- ② - Charlotte (100-0) (Info)
- 2 - Chicago (100-0) (Info)
- 2 - Indianapolis
- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Los Angeles (100-0) (Info)
- 2 - Milwaukee (100-0) (Info)
- 2 - Jacksonville
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CONSOLIDATED AMERICAN PUBLISHING, INC., (CAP), placed advertisements in Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach and Panama City, Florida newspapers soliciting individuals interested in purchasing an associate-publisher distributorship. The advertisements ran a few days in mid February of this year, and a toll free number of 1-800-772-8777 was provided for respondents to call. As a result of the advertisements,

[REDACTED]

Basically, CAP was selling a turn-key business whereby they would set up display racks at fifty retail locations in a distributor's territory and fill the racks with CAP printed publications, mostly "how to" books and pamphlets. The retail locations were to include restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores and hotels, and a CAP merchandise specialist was to establish these initial accounts. The associate-publisher would thereafter service the accounts and pay for restocking publications. The associate-publisher's investment was to pay for the initial inventory, display racks, program set up costs, and training. None of the above investors ever received anything in return for their investment.

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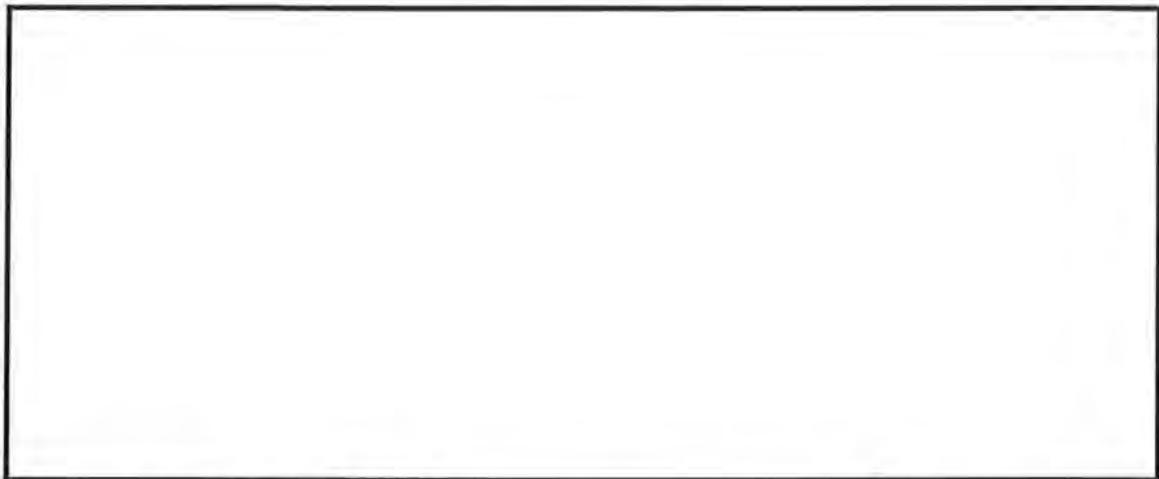
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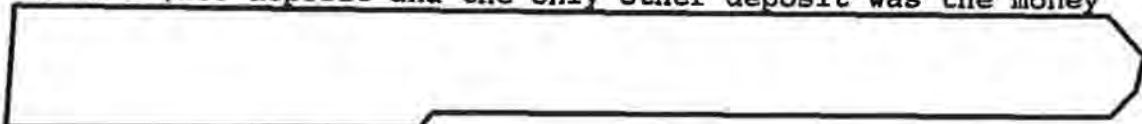


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On 4/28/94, [redacted] COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT, Columbus, Mississippi, advised that he visited CAP offices at which time he observed a young girl sitting at a card table in an otherwise vacant office. There was a telephone and a receipt book on the card table. [redacted] said he subsequently contacted [redacted] at COLUMBUS NATIONAL BANK and was informed that CAP's account was opened with a \$100 deposit and the only other deposit was the money

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On 5/9/94, [redacted] telephonically contacted the FWBRA. and advised that [redacted]



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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The COTC is a  
white supremacist organization which was founded by BEN  
KLASSEN, a former Florida legislator. In January, 1993,  
KLASSEN turned over the church to [REDACTED] The church  
actually is a mail-order operation run out of a warehouse  
[REDACTED] leases. There is no church building or congregation.

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Copies of this airtel are being provided to the  
Bureau, CE, CG, LA and MW, because of previous interest in the  
COTC as reflected in referenced information communication.

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LEADS:

ATLANTA DIVISION

[REDACTED] GEORGIA

Will fully identify [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] to include current address, employment and criminal history. b7C

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

[REDACTED] ALABAMA

Will obtain current address and employment for [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] ALABAMA

Will interview [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] concerning his dealings with CAP. b7C

[REDACTED] ALABAMA

Will interview [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] concerning his dealings with CAP. (Based upon [REDACTED]) b7C

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[REDACTED]  
AT [REDACTED]

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Will review previous investigation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and provide reason for case being dismissed. (It  
should be noted that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED])

JACKSON DIVISION

AT COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will contact [REDACTED] COLUMBUS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, concerning his investigation of CAP.

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2. Will contact utility companies to determine who  
obtained service at CAP office, Suite 201, 509 Main Street.

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3. [REDACTED]  
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4. Will contact landlord of CAP office to  
determine rental arrangement, type of business, and  
principals.

5. Will contact FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY,  
located next to CAP office, to ascertain observations of CAP  
business.

6. Contact Post Office to obtain forwarding  
address for CAP.

7. Will interview [REDACTED] telephone  
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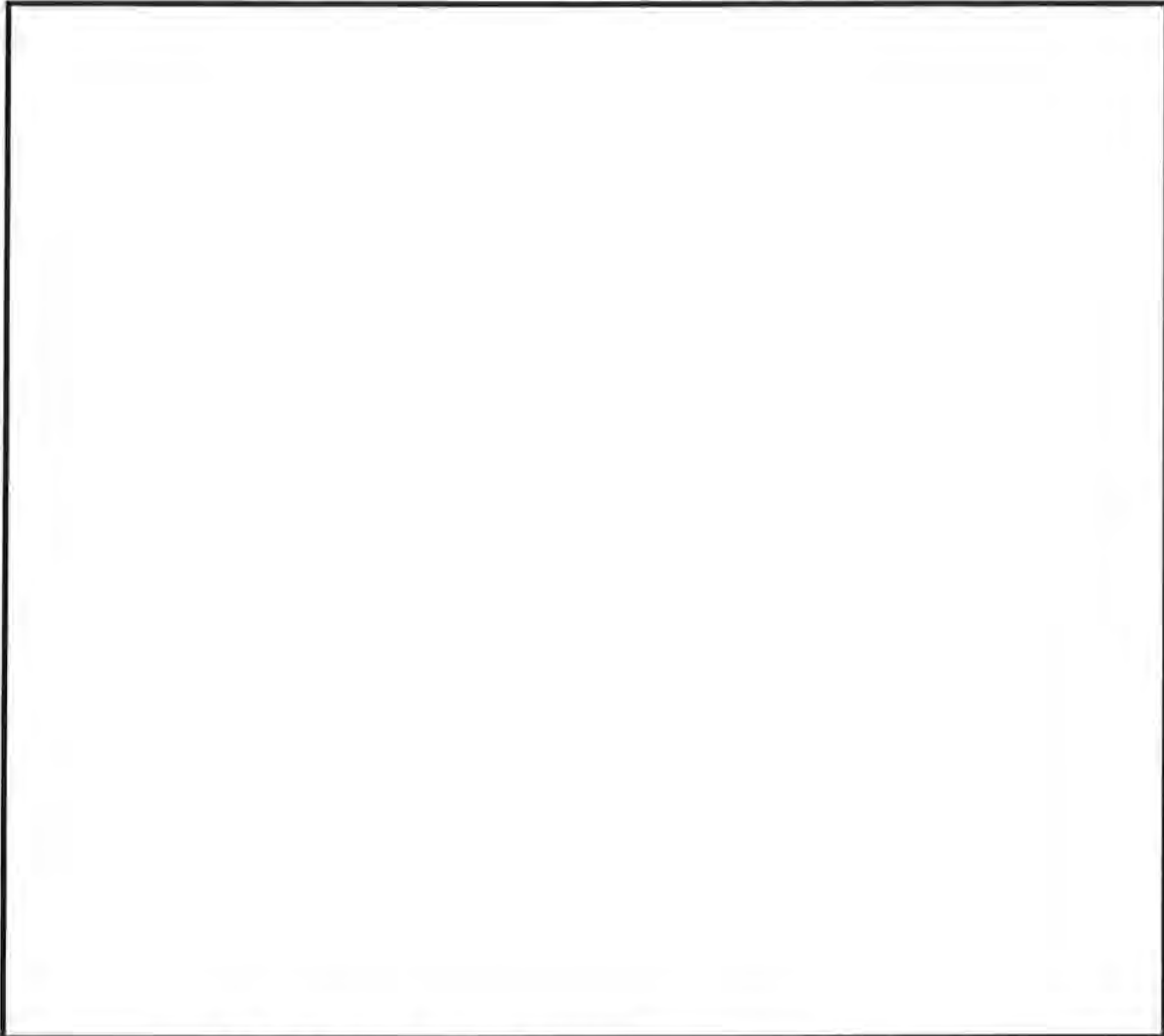
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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will contact DEPARTMENT OF STATE to obtain corporate information for CAP.
2. Will contact appropriate State consumer fraud agencies concerning complaints received against CAP.

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[REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI

Will interview [REDACTED]  
telephone number [REDACTED] concerning his dealings with  
CAP.

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JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA

Will contact NORTHWEST DAILY NEWS Classified  
Department to obtain copy of advertisement and billing  
information.

[REDACTED] FLORIDA

Will determine current address and employment for [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] FLORIDA

1. Will interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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2. Contact PANAMA CITY NEWS HERALD NEWSPAPER  
Classified Department to obtain copy of advertisement and  
billing information.

[REDACTED] FLORIDA

1. Will interview [REDACTED] telephone  
number [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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2. Contact PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL Classified  
Department to obtain copy of advertisement and billing  
information.

U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-6627

July 25, 1994

CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC)  
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM (DS/T)

Recent contact with a local law enforcement agency in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area which is familiar with the captioned group, determined that the membership in the COTC and activities associated with it have declined since the death of BEN KLASSEN and a move of the COTC headquarters to Niceville, Florida.

It is known that [REDACTED]

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It was further mentioned that [REDACTED]

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Regarding [REDACTED] it was determined that [REDACTED]

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For information, [REDACTED]

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**ACTION COMMUNICATION**

Date: 07/25/94

**TO:** NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION  
DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT (Encl. 3) (**INFO**)  
  
OFFICE OF LIAISON AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (Encl. 1)  
(**ROUTINE**)  
  
INFORMATION RESOURCES DIVISION  
LEGAT SUPPORT GROUP, ROOM 5991 (Encl. 1) (**ROUTINE**)  
  
LEGAT LONDON (Encl. 2) (SEALED ENVELOPE ATTACHED)  
(**ROUTINE**)  
  
✓ CHARLOTTE (Encl. 1) (**ROUTINE**) *fal*  
  
JACKSONVILLE (Encl. 1) (**ROUTINE**)

**FROM:** MILWAUKEE (RUC)  
SQUAD 5

**POINT OF CONTACT:** SSA [REDACTED] b7C

**TITLE:** CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC);  
WHITE BERETS;  
FPC - GCM;  
OO: LONDON

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**References:** Charlotte airtel and LHM, captioned as  
above, dated 7/6/94.

**Enclosures:** Enclosed for National Security Division  
are the original and two copies of an LHM, captioned as  
above. Enclosed for OLIA and Information Resources  
Division is one copy each of the LHM and enclosed for  
Charlotte and Jacksonville also are one copy each of  
the LHM. Enclosed for Legat London are two copies of  
the LHM.

**REQUEST(S):** The Bureau is requested to forward copies of this  
communication to Legat London for possible further dissemination b7D  
to [REDACTED]

**DETAILS:** The local law enforcement agency referred to in the  
enclosed LHM is the Criminal Intelligence Unit, Milwaukee Police  
Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee Division concluded its investigation of  
the COTC contemporaneously with the Charlotte Division. [REDACTED]

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07/25/94, Re: 163C-LO-12025

Briefly, this group does not appear to pose a threat in the Milwaukee Division at this time. While the individuals involved appear to hold extreme views which advocate violence and have access to weapons, current available information does not indicate the type of activity which would warrant active investigation at this time. Milwaukee therefore is considering the captioned matter RUC.

# Memorandum



To SAC, CHARLOTTE (100A-0)

Date 11/28/94

From SA [redacted] b7C

Subject [redacted] 100A-CE-66174-24A; 100A-74-185226-136  
b7C CHURCH OF THE CREATOR  
DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

145-0-380; 264-0-17

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INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

Date 06/29/95

TO: MILWAUKEE

FROM: MILWAUKEE (C)  
SQUAD 5

POINT OF CONTACT: SA [REDACTED] b7C

TITLE: WHITE BERETS;  
DOMESTIC SECURITY/TERRORISM,  
OO MILWAUKEE

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DATE 06-23-2004 BY 60290 AUC BCB/MLT/gjs

PURPOSE(S): To set forth the results of a file review and  
analysis of captioned investigation.

DETAILS: The White Berets was the paramilitary arm of the Church  
of the Creator (COTC), which was originally headquartered in  
Otto, North Carolina. The COTC is a self proclaimed White  
Supremacy Organization which in the past targeted prison inmates  
and White Supremacist Skinheads for recruitment.

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Milwaukee's investigation of the White Berets was  
closed on 7/7/92 due to lack of criminal activity by the group,  
moreover, no information was developed indicating this group was  
attempting to achieve political or social change through the use  
of force or violence Milwaukee is unaware of any current  
activities by former COTC members in Wisconsin

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Info: [REDACTED] AP

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 06/06/1996

**To:** FBIHQ  
ATLANTA  
CHARLOTTE  
NEW YORK  
SACRAMENTO  
SPRINGFIELD

**Attn:** SA [REDACTED] b7C

**From:** MIAMI

F-1/JTTF,

**Contact:** SA [REDACTED]

**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

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**Drafted By:** [REDACTED] :mnd

**Case ID #:** 44-0 (Pending)-1524  
100-HQ-487602 (Pending)-10  
100-HQ-488224 (Pending)-3  
100A-AT-10142 (Pending)  
100A-CE-66174 (Pending)-51  
100A-NY-185226 (Pending)-257  
100A-SE-68108-P2 (Pending)-39  
100A-MM-55775-275

**Title:** UNSUBS;  
CHURCH OF THE CREATOR,  
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA;  
CIVIL RIGHTS.

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**Synopsis:** Telephone contact with numbers in referenced communication.

**Administrative:** Reference Sacramento communication to FBIHQ, et al, dated 5/23/96.

**Details:** For information of all receiving offices, referenced communication provided [REDACTED]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 05/23/1996

**To:** FBI HQ  
Atlanta  
✓ Charlotte  
Miami  
New York  
Springfield

**From:** Sacramento  
Squad 5

**Contact:** SA [redacted]

**Approved By:** [redacted]

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**Drafted By:** [redacted] kh

**Case ID #:** 44-0 (Pending)  
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100A-NY-185226 (Pending)  
100A-SE-68108-P2 (Pending)

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**Synopsis:** Summary of intelligence provided by the Placer County Sheriff's Department.

**Enclosures:** For each receiving office, two copies of six pages of intelligence bulletins.

**Details:** Recently a Sacramento agent attended an intelligence briefing given by the Placer County Sheriff's Department. The Placer County Sheriff's Department was concerned about the growing influence of the Church of the Creator in Placer County. Apparently, there was an ambitious recruitment program underway. According to the Placer County Sheriff's Department [redacted]

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To: FBI HQ From: Sacramento  
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To date, there is no evidence any individual associated with the Church of the Creator has committed any crime in the Eastern District of California. It is requested Sacramento be contacted should any of the individuals [redacted] [redacted] be subjects of any FBI investigation.

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